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Musi tenders raising stink

Tender given to Meinhardt allegedly after Revanth-Naidu meet

STATE BUREAU
HYDERABAD

It is not just the estimated cost for the Musi Riverfront Development Project, the pet project of Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, that is raising doubts, but even the selection of the consultancy for preparation of the project's master plan is also emerging to be quite shady.

The Musi Riverfront Development Corporation (MRDCL), which had called for tenders in February, pegging the cost of the project at Rs 58,000 crore, quite inexplicably cancelled the tender after six months, in August. That was not all. Tenders were issued within a week for the second time, and barely in a month, the contract to prepare the master plan was awarded to one consortium.

By this time, the number of companies that first came forward expressing interest was narrowed down to just two, with the consortium led by Meinhardt Singapore Pvt Ltd finally bagging the contract. All this, allegedly after a meeting between Revanth Reddy and his Andhra Pradesh counterpart N Chandrababu Naidu.

Doubts are now being raised that the tendering process was complicated deliberately to favour Meinhardt. It is also being alleged that all tender norms were violated due to political interference, which is said to have been the reason for the project estimate also to shoot up from Rs 58,000 crore to a staggering Rs 1.5 lakh crore.

Revanth Reddy had announced the project at Rs 50,000 crore soon after the Congress came to power. Soon after this, MRDCL officials took up an exercise to finalise the consultancy for preparing the project's master plan. MRDCL called for Expression of Interest on February 5 (No.5/SE(MRDCL/2023-24/dt 5-2-2024), following which 10 companies filed bids. Officials called for a pre-bid meeting, after which seven consultancies were found to be technically eligible. The MRDCL then issued a Request for Proposal (RfP) notification on April 10. The last date was June 24.

Of the seven companies found technically eligible, only five responded and submitted RfPs — LEA Associates South Asia Pvt Ltd, Surbana Jurong Consultants India Pvt Ltd, Tractebel Engineer Pvt Ltd, SAI Consultancy Engineering Pvt Ltd and Meinhardt Singapore Pvt Ltd. SAI Consultancy Engineering was the lowest bidder (L1), quoting Rs 60 crore, while the second was Tractebel with Rs 75 crore.

However, on August 6, MRDCL cancelled the RfP tenders citing technical reasons, but with no other explanation, that too after six months, thus triggering doubts. MRDCL called for RfP for the second time within a week, with August 13 to September 12 being the timeframe given for submission of the request. This time, only two takers were there, LEA Associates and the Meinhardt-led consortium. When price bids were opened, LEA had quoted Rs 141 crore, while Meinhardt quoted Rs 143 crore.

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PROJECT ON FAST TRACK

- **Feb 6** Meinhardt officials call on Revanth
- **May-end** Meinhardt submits proposals to govt quoting **Rs 1.5 lakh cr**
- First bids that ended on **June 24** had SAI Consultants as L1
- No announcements from MRDCL
- **July 6** Revanth meets Naidu in Hyderabad
- **July 20** GO **Rt No. 325** issued, constituting technical committee to examine tenders for selecting consultancy for preparation of master plan
- **July 22** Committee announces cancellation of earlier tender
- **July 24** MRDCL MD writes to Govt for cancelling tenders
- **August 3** GO **Rt 343** issued to call for tenders again
- GO claims new tenders called for with changes considering Hyderabad Metro's official opinion
- **Aug 9** Tender evaluation committee meets, **Aug 13** to **Sept 12** decided as timeframe
- **Sept 20** Committee meets again, Meinhardt finalised
- **Sept 25** MRDCL MD writes to govt on **Sept 25** recommending approval of Meinhardt
- **Oct 4** Govt issues orders accepting Meinhardt

POINT TO BE NOTED

Page 13 of the 31-page notice issued in February pegged the project's cost at Rs 58,775.22 crore. Meinhardt submitted proposal quoting Rs 1.5 lakh cr. With criticism mounting, Revanth first said this was for Hyderabad's development over five years, not just for Musi project. Now, Musi riverfront project will cost **Rs 1.5 lakh crore**

Allies snub Congress after Haryana defeat

NEW DELHI

After the Congress' shock defeat in Haryana, the opposition I.N.D.I.A bloc parties flexed their muscles on Wednesday, accusing the grand old party of ignoring them. They said this attitude should not be repeated in the future polls.

The Shiv Sena (UBT) turned out to be the biggest critic of the Congress, accusing it of ignoring other parties that resulted in the poll debacle. Leaders of the TMC, AAP, CPI(M), CPI and some other parties also blamed the Congress for working alone and not jointly, which led to the defeat in Haryana.

The Congress will contest the Maharashtra polls as part of the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) alliance and the Jharkhand elections in tie-up with the JMM, which is also a part of the I.N.D.I.A bloc. Several opposition leaders accused the Congress of banking on regional parties where it is weak but not forging alliances when they perceive they are strong in a State.

Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut said the Congress' "over confidence" was responsible for its defeat in Haryana, alleging that it relies on allies only in regions where they are weak but ignores them in its stronghold areas. "Wherever the Congress is weak, it takes help from the regional parties. But where it thinks it is strong, the Congress attaches no importance to the regional parties," Raut said.

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UP bypolls: SP picks candidates for six seats

LUCKNOW: The Samajwadi Party announced candidates for six of the 10 UP Assembly seats where bypolls are due later this year. BJP spokesperson Rakesh Tripathi said it is the effect of Haryana election results, with the SP "telling Congress its place" by declaring candidates on the seats claimed by the latter. The SP has fielded Tej Pratap Yadav from Karhal, Naseem Solanki from Sisamu, Mustafa Siddiqui from Phulpur and Ajit Prasad from Milkipur (Ayodhya). PTI

In a nutshell

Jagan wants paper ballot

AMARAVATI: Democracy should not only be prevalent, but also seen to be thriving and the only way to ensure both is going back to paper ballot, YSR Congress chief YS Jagan Mohan Reddy said on Wednesday. Reacting to the Haryana Assembly poll results, he said the outcome is no different from that of Andhra Pradesh, on which "cases are pending in courts." PTI

CJI's tenure ends on November 10

NEW DELHI: Chief Justice (CJI) DY Chandrachud, who is set to demit office next month, turned philosophical on Wednesday, saying he had served the country with "utmost dedication" amid "fears and anxieties" as to how history will judge his tenure. The 50th Chief Justice of India's (CJI) two-year tenure will end on November 10 this year. PTI

Delhi CM's official residence sealed

NEW DELHI: The Public Works Department on Wednesday sealed the former official residence of Arvind Kejriwal at 6 Flagstaff Road, called the Sheesh Mahal, following a dispute over its handover. The PWD has put a double lock on the gate of the house. The BJP had complained to Lt Governor VK Saxena that the property was not properly transferred to Cm Atishi. IANS

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ASEAN meet: PM for Laos today

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will leave for Laos on Thursday to attend the 21st ASEAN-India Summit and the 19th East Asia Summit at the invitation of his Laotian counterpart Sonexay Siphandone, the current chair of ASEAN. Modi is also expected to hold bilateral meetings on the margins of the summits in Vientiane. IANS

CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD

Farm	Rs. 114
Retail live	Rs. 136
With skin	Rs. 197
Skinless	Rs. 224
Egg Rates (12 eggs)	Rs. 72

Ratan Tata passes away

MUMBAI

Ratan Naval Tata, the chairman emeritus of Tata Sons, passed away at the Breach Candy Hospital following age-related health conditions. He was 86.

He was admitted to the hospital on Monday, sparking intense speculation on his health status in corporate, political and common circles. Later, he had issued a statement that he was undergoing certain routine medical examinations for age-related health concerns. Subsequently, he was reportedly put on life-support systems, though the Tata Group officials did not confirm or deny anything.

Chairmanof Tata Sons, N Chandrasekaran, said, "It is with a profound sense of loss that we bid farewell to Mr Ratan Naval Tata... For the Tata Group, Mr Tata was more than a chairperson. To me, he was a mentor, guide and friend. He inspired by example." Prime Minister Narendra Modi also fondly remembered Rata Tata as a "visionary business leader, a compassionate soul and an extraordinary human being".

" One of the most unique aspects of Shri Ratan Tata *ji* was his passion towards dreaming big and giving back... He provided stable leadership to one of India's oldest and most prestigious business houses. At the same time, his contribution went far beyond the boardroom... Extremely pained by his passing away. My thoughts are with his family, friends and admirers in this sad hour. Om Shanti," he posted on X. AGENCIES

Dubbak MLA placed under house arrest

STATE BUREAU
Siddipet

The Madhapur police placed Dubbak MLA Kotha Prabhakar Reddy under house arrest at his Kondapur residence in Hyderabad while he was preparing to proceed to his constituency headquarters on Wednesday morning.

Since the police suspected that Prabhakar Reddy would support the government employees' protests on GO 317, the police did not allow him to go out of his house. However, Reddy was allowed to travel to his office in Madhapur with a police escort after an hour. In a video released by his office, Reddy questioned why he was made to sit at home.

TAMPA TURNS GHOST TOWN

Downtown Tampa is seen desolate ahead of the arrival of Hurricane Milton on Wednesday. Millions were ordered to evacuate and officials warned that stragglers would face grim odds of surviving as Milton churns towards Florida. — Photo: AP (REPORT PAGE 9)

Telangana govt may fall back on Kaleshwaram to save Rabi crop

D CHANDRA BHASKAR RAO
Hyderabad

In a significant move, the State government plans to operationalise at least two of the three key barrages under the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme (KLIS).

Farmers, who have been deprived of Godavari water for two seasons, along with their elected representatives, have been pressing for the resumption of pumping operations to utilise potential flows from the Pranahita river, a tributary of the Godavari, the sole supporting source for the ayacut under KLIS, thus forcing the State government to fall back on the Kaleshwaram project, though the Congress had ran a campaign deriding the project.

Farmers have been pressing for the resumption of pumping operations to utilise potential flows from the Pranahita river.

The State officials will meet officials of the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) on October 11 in Delhi as part of the mission. The three barrages — Medigadda, Annaram and Sundilla — have remained idle since they were emptied for inspection and rehabilitation in April and May, leaving the Rabi ayacut without irrigation support. The Irrigation Department managed to supply water for the Kharif season by drawing from the Yellampalli reservoir at a reduced capacity of little over one TMC per day. The delay in resuming pumping operations has been attributed to the NDSA, which was tasked with investigating the project's construction. Interim reports from the NDSA did not facilitate the rehabilitation of the project before the monsoon. With the monsoon now withdrawing, inflows are expected to recede.

Despite these challenges, State irrigation authorities had prepared all pumping units at the three barrages for resumption in June.

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Over 50 Hezbollah militants killed

JERUSALEM

Israel's military said it launched extensive airstrikes targeting underground Hezbollah command centres in Lebanon, in which more than 50 militants were killed.

IDF spokesman Daniel Hagari said the airstrikes hit and destroyed dozens of underground command centres of Hezbollah's Southern Front, where the commanders leading the fight against Israel were located. Six senior commanders from Hezbollah's Southern Front and Radwan Forces were killed, including Ali Ahmad Ismail, artillery commander in Bint Jbeil; and Ahmad Hassan Nazal, head of the attack sector in Bint Jbeil for Radwan Forces. IANS

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RBI keeps repo rate unchanged

MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) kept its key interest rate unchanged on Wednesday for the tenth straight time, but took the first step towards a rate cut as it eased its relatively hawkish policy stance to 'neutral'.

The monetary policy committee, which included three RBI officials and an equal number of new external members, voted five-to-one to keep the benchmark repurchase or repo rate — which governs the interest rate of home, auto, corporate and other loans — at 6.5 per cent.

The panel, however, unanimously decided to change the policy stance to 'neutral' — the first since June 2019 — from 'withdrawal of accommodation' amid signs of a slowing economy. Interest rates were last changed in February 2023 when they were hiked to 6.5 per cent from 6.25 per cent.

RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said the committee changed the stance but will remain unambiguously focused on the durable alignment of inflation to target while supporting growth. Food inflation, he said, may ease in coming months, while the core inflation, which excludes the volatile food and energy costs, appears to have bottomed out. India's economic growth outlook remained intact, with private consumption and investment growing in tandem. The change of stance signals a possible move to cut interest rates. PTI

Group-I Main hall tickets available from Oct 14

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

Hall tickets for the Group-I Main examinations scheduled to be held from October 21 can be downloaded from the TGPSC's website www.tspsc.gov.in/ from October 14.

The download option will be available till the commencement of the first-day exam. The Group-I Main examination will be held from October 21-27 from 2 pm to 5 pm. Candidates will be allowed inside the centre from 12.30 pm and no candidate will be allowed to enter the centre after 1.30 pm, the TGPSC said, adding that clocks will be available in exam halls. Candidates must use the copy of the downloaded hall ticket used for the first examination. (SEE PAGE 2)

MMTS struggles with punctuality, frequency

Commuters face hardships as services decline; officials cite infra limitations

C ROMEO
HYDERABAD

Lack of punctuality and frequency in running the Multi-Modal Transport System (MMTS) is causing hardships to daily rail commuters. MMTS services are essential for employees to avoid traffic jams and commute on time. Passengers are facing difficulties as few services are running without proper timing.

There is no separate railway track for MMTS trains to run on, which is the main reason for not preparing a regular schedule to run the MMTS trains on the busy stretches. The suburban sections of the Hyderabad and Secunderabad divisions of the South Central Railway (SCR) zone network reached their saturation point and need expansion with available sources.

"Moreover, there are no platforms earmarked for MMTS trains at Secunderabad and trains arrive at any platform. Until the last minute, there will be no announcement on which platform the train will arrive. Passengers are often confused," said Naresh Kumar, a software employee.

There are separate corridors for suburban train services in other Metro cities like Chennai, Mumbai and Kolkata, but there is no separate line over here. Due to this, the MMTS is slowly fading due to several reasons, including punctuality, frequent cancellations, and extended halts in areas.

On the other hand, the occupancy rate is slowly decreasing. Prior to the pandemic, the daily ridership was over 1.6 lakh passengers and currently, the passenger footfall is between 40,000 to 50,000. Due to this, from 121 train services earlier, the services have been reduced to 11.

Noor Ahmed, general secretary, Suburban Train & Bus Travellers Association, said, "There has been no proper punctuality in train services for a long time now. There is no separate corridor for MMTS trains. Superfast, Express and Goods trains are moving on the same track. Now, even after spending over Rs 700 crore for the Secunderabad railway station redevelopment, no additional platforms are built."

Additionally, commuters of various sections like Ghatkesar-Lingampally are demanding one more train in the evening hours, as in this stretch, very often; trains are made to stop to enable the passage of mainline trains and good trains. Since there are only two tracks for up and down trains for goods, superfast trains, suburban MMTS trains and other passenger trains, when the superfast train is coming on the same track, other trains are detained in a loop line which affects the timings.

Passengers are facing difficulties as few MMTS are running without proper timing.

It is noteworthy that while thousands of people travel regularly from Medchal to Secunderabad, Ghatkesar and Malkajigiri towards the IT corridor, not more than four or five services run.

Four more services sought

There are 2000 IT employees running only one train on the Ghatkesar to Hitech City route. This MMTS reaches Charlapally, Neredment, Bhoodevinagar, Suchitra, Ferozguda, Sanathnagar, Bharatnagar, Lingampalli. Although the development of these stations has been undertaken with Rs 600 crore, there is not much benefit in running a single train.

MMTS from Ghatkesar reaches Lingampalli at 8 am and runs on Secunderabad and Lingampalli routes. In the evening, the same train runs from Lingampalli to Ghatkesar, so the employees do not miss a turn. They want to increase four more services.

Railway officials

Railway officials say that there is an opportunity to start new ones only after the Cherlapalli terminal is made available. They said that minor difficulties are inevitable till then. There is no possibility of making new services available at present.

Debt-ridden couple dies by suicide

Consumed poison with sons

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

A couple who had consumed poisonous substance along with their three sons at Saroornagar ten days ago died while undergoing treatment on Wednesday.

According to police, a trader Venkateshwara Prasad (60), who ran a grocery store at Saroornagar, lived along with his wife V Latha (55), sons Sandeep (30), Sai Swaroop (28) and Vamshi Krishna (26) at Kodandaram Nagar Colony of Saroornagar. Prasad is a native of Kurnool district.

Over a period of time, Prasad took loans from some persons and it amounted to over Rs 25 lakh. "With no means to repay the amount and pressure mounting from the money lenders, the family decided to end their lives. On September 30 evening, Prasad purchased a bottle of poisonous substance and the family consumed it at their house," said Saroornagar Inspector V Saidi Reddy.

Prasad informed their neighbour that they were ending their lives. The neighbour quickly informed the police who rushed to the spot and broke the door of the house. They shifted the five persons to hospital where Vamshi Krishna died while undergoing treatment the next day. Their elder son Sandeep (30) died last week. On Wednesday, Prasad and his wife Latha died while undergoing treatment. Sai Swaroop, the second son of the couple, is undergoing treatment.

The police registered a case and are investigating.

3 held for cheating

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

The Hyderabad Commissioner's Task Force (North) team nabbed a three-member gang who were allegedly cheating the public on the pretext of selling a copper vessel that possesses supernatural powers. The trio, P Shiva Santhosh Kumar (43), G Manjunath Reddy (38) and Pratap S R (44) planned to dupe gullible persons on the pretext of 'rice pulling businesses. The trio collected Rs 25 lakh from one Shashikanth, on the pretext of supplying the utensil to him and cheated him. The police nabbed Santosh Manjunath and Pratap.

In Brief

HYDERABAD
Man held for murder

The Jubilee Hills police arrested a man who had allegedly killed a woman over financial disputes last month at Yousufguda. The man Shaik Javeed (34), a resident of Vidyanagar was acquainted with a woman Sudharani (44), and had paid Rs 2.8 lakh towards chit fund business amount to her. Sudharani, failed to repay the amount to Javeed and instead attempted to implicate him in a false case. To take revenge, Javeed went to the house of the woman on Sept 30 and killed her after repeatedly stabbing the victim with a knife. After investigation, Javeed was arrested.

HYDERABAD
Gang of three arrested

The Hyderabad Police busted a gang, which was adulterating tea powder with coconut shell powder and seized huge quantities of coconut powder on Wednesday. Three persons were arrested in this connection by the police who also seized 300 kg of spurious tea powder, 200 kg of coconut shell powder, spurious colours, packing material and other items from them. The arrested Bishoya Jaganath (32), Pratap Pradan (21) and Sivswain Parida (19), purchased low-quality tea powder, mixed coconut shell powder and after adding spurious chemicals, packed it and sold in the market.

HYDERABAD
Worker murdered

A construction worker was murdered at his house in Chandanagar on Tuesday night. T Maladri (36), a resident of Taranagar in Serilingampally and a native of Nellore in AP, earned his livelihood by doing centring work at construction sites. On September 30, his wife and two sons had gone to their native village to attend a marriage and since then the man was staying alone at the house. "On Tuesday late night, the relatives of Maladri noticed him lying dead in a pool of blood. There was a deep cut on his private part. Some persons known to him might have entered his house and killed him," said Chandanagar Inspector D Palavelli. A case was registered.

Remove cows from list of animals: Seer

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

Jyotirmath Peetham Shankaracharya, Swami Avimukteshwaranand Saraswati have demanded removal of cows from the list of animals since it is considered a deity and enactment of a law giving capital punishment for slaughtering cows in the country.

Addressing a press conference here on Wednesday, Avimukteshwaranand Saraswati said cows must be placed on the sacred list. "Cow is not an animal for us but a Mata (deity). On the lines of Nepal, India should bring in law giving capital punishment for cow slaughter," he said.

The seer, who was in Hyderabad as part of his 'Gau Dhwaj Sthapna Bharat Yatra', said India has become the second largest exporter of beef in the world. "This happened under the Hindu government," he said.

Avimukteshwaranand Saraswati alleged that Prime Minister Narendra Modi led the NDA government, which promised to protect cows, was encouraging cow slaughtering and slaughter houses. He also alleged that funds were being taken from slaughtering companies.

Pointing at PM, he said it was astonishing to see how a person who talked against cow slaughter has become like this.

> Swami Avimukteshwaranand Saraswati demands capital punishment for cow slaughter

"Since ancient times, cows have been the highest priority for Hindus. However, it was sad to note cows, which have been a symbol of this country and the Sengol with cow inscribed on it, that the Prime Minister carried into the new Parliament building, are being killed, cut and sold," he said.

The seer demanded that the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam (TTD) immediately set up gaushala and prepare its own ghee instead of procuring it. If not, the people will protest.

On Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan's proposal of setting up the Sanatan Dharm Protection Board, Avimukteshwaranand Saraswati said if the board has to be set up it should be done by Dharmacharyas (religious leaders) and not by the government.

For a Change, Traffic Discipline!

The perfect lineup, the patience, and the adherence to rules is a refreshing sight. This photograph taken at Safilguda Railway crossing challenges the popular perception that Hyderabadis are notorious for contempt of traffic rules.

BRS slams govt on overseas education scheme

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

BRS working president K T Rama Rao lambasted the Congress government, led by Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, for failing to provide foreign education opportunities to Backward Class (BC) students. He blamed the government for putting the future of thousands of students in jeopardy and demanded immediate action. "We urge the government to announce the list of selected students and release the promised scholarships without delay," he stated.

Speaking out against the government's neglect, Rama Rao said under former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao's leadership, such opportunities were made possible, but under the current Congress administration, poor students were being ignored. He noted that the Congress government failed to continue the Mahatma Jyothiba Phule Overseas Education Scheme.

He pointed out the financial struggles faced by students and their families in the absence of government support. "Parents are in debt, courses are ending, and students' futures are at stake while authorities continue to delay. It has been a year since applications were submitted, but no list of eligible candidates has been released. Why such neglect?" he asked.

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Group-I Main hall tickets available from Oct 14

Candidates have also been instructed to preserve their hall tickets and question papers for all exams till the completion of final selection process and produce them as and when required. No duplicate hall ticket will be issued later. In case of any technical issues, candidates can contact the TGPSC technical help desk at 040-23542185 or 040-23542187 from 10.30 am to 1 pm, and 1.30 pm to 5 pm on all working days or email Helpdesk@tspsc.gov.in.

Musi tenders raising a stink

Though MRDCL should have declared LEA as L1 and handed over the project, it was rejected after a few days citing technical reasons. With only Meinhardt remaining, officials declared the bid at Rs 141 crore and declared Meinhardt as L1, it is learnt. With no explanations from the officials, doubts are being raised over why Meinhardt was chosen. It is believed that highly influential people, who were involved in the Amaravathi Project (including former Singapore Minister Subramaniam Iswaran, who was jailed barely a week ago), also took interest in the Musi project, all after the meeting between Revanth Reddy and Naidu in Hyderabad in July.

Telangana govt may fall back on Kaleshwaram to save Rabi crop

The irrigation officials had a 40-day window to complete interim repairs before the barrages received inflows. The plan is to provide a passage for the water from the Pranahita river to the Kannepalli pump house at Medigadda.

A critical question before them was whether water could be lifted from the Kannepalli pump house with all the gates of the Medigadda barrage kept fully open, as required by the NDSA. Authorities were confident that this would be feasible as long as inflows into the barrage do not fall below 30,000 cusecs.

In the aftermath of concerns that the coffer dam could be washed away in the event of heavy floods, State authorities considered constructing a low-cost gabion water barrier structure to retain water at the pump house point without adding load to the barrage structure. However, these plans were shelved as the NDSA did not endorse the theories proposed by State irrigation experts.

The much-anticipated final report from the NDSA has been inordinately delayed, with the authority requesting further tests and studies to be conducted by national agencies. The State government has set a deadline of December-end for the final report.

The issue of resuming pumping operations at KLIS was reviewed in a meeting chaired by Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy recently. Officials emphasised the need to make optimal use of scarce water resources, particularly the Godavari water that was underutilised during the monsoon. Following the Minister's directive, irrigation officials have written to the NDSA chairman to highlight the urgency of the matter.

The Telangana government has also decided to approach the NDSA once again regarding the KLIS barrages, seeking a resolution that will allow the resumption of pumping operations and ensuring water availability for the upcoming Rabi season.

Allies snub Congress after results

"We could win in Jammu and Kashmir because the I.N.D.I.A bloc was fighting there under the leadership of Omar Abdullah and Farooq Abdullah. In Haryana, the I.N.D.I.A bloc did not fight together because the Congress thought they could win on their own. Hooda ji is our friend, he thought he could win on his own," Raut said. He said parties like the Samajwadi Party, Aam Aadmi Party or even his own party Shiv Sena (UBT) could have fought a few seats in Haryana and that would have made a difference. The MVA allies should declare a Chief Ministerial face for the upcoming contest, he added. Shiv Sena (UBT) Sabha MP Priyanka Chaturvedi said it was a direct contest between the BJP and the Congress. PTI

Bulldozer Raj creating fear in State: KTR

Says CM neglecting public welfare, focusing on projects like Musi to siphon off funds

BRS working president KT Rama Rao addressing mediapersons at Telangana Bhavan.

STATE BUREAU
HYDERABAD

BRS working president K T Rama Rao on Wednesday launched a scathing attack on the Congress government in Telangana, accusing it of creating a fearful atmosphere during the Dasara festival with its 'Bulldozer Raj'. He stated that Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy was neglecting public welfare and focusing on projects like the Musi Riverfront Development to siphon off funds.

"We thought Bulldozer Raj was confined to Uttar Pradesh, but Revanth Reddy has brought it to Telangana," remarked Rama Rao, while addressing Congress leader Mohd Allauddin and others from Serilingampally who joined the BRS. He said the Congress government was failing to deliver on promises. "If K Chandrashekhar Rao was still the Chief Minister, farmers would have received Rythu Bandhu benefit, and women would have got Bathukamma sarees. Now, even DJs have been banned during the festivities," he remarked.

He pointed out that every section of society was dissatisfied after 10 months of the Congress rule. "Rahul Gandhi promised to waive off crop loans upto Rs 2 lakh by December 9 last year, but as next December approaches, nothing has been done. While Rahul and Revanth got jobs, Telangana's youth are still waiting," he remarked. The BRS working president also highlighted the unkept promises to women and senior citizens. "Around 1.6 crore women are still waiting for their Rs 2,500 allowance, and senior citizens haven't seen the promised Rs 4,000 pension. Revanth Reddy promised one tola gold for brides under Kalyana Lakshmi/Shaadi Mubarak, but they haven't even received one tola of iron," he said. Rao accused the Congress government of focusing on the Rs 1.5 lakh crore Musi Riverfront project for personal gain. "Welfare schemes don't offer commissions, but beautification projects do. Rahul Gandhi, his brother-in-law Robert Vadra, and Revanth Reddy are plotting to loot public funds under the guise of beautification," he said, adding that Revanth was citing fund shortage for implementing welfare schemes, but was gearing up to spend a massive Rs 1.5 lakh crore.

The BRS leader said people were feeling the absence of former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao amid the Congress's 'Bulldozer Raj'. He also condemned the arrest of former MLA Patnam Narender Reddy, who was detained for supporting farmer protests in Kodangal, Revanth Reddy's constituency. "If Revanth Reddy cannot convince farmers in his own constituency, how can he lead the State?" he asked, demanding the immediate release of BRS activists. He reaffirmed BRS' commitment to fight for the poor. "We fought Modi, and we will continue fighting for the people of Telangana. Chandrashekhar Rao and BRS are the true protectors of secularism and justice in the State," he said.

Invites Rahul to celebrate 'success' of guarantees

HYDERABAD: BRS working president KT Rama Rao on Wednesday questioned Congress leader Rahul Gandhi over his unfulfilled promises to Telangana's youth, sarcastically inviting him back to Hyderabad to celebrate the "success" of his guarantees. His remarks were aimed at Rahul's assurances made during his visit to Ashok Nagar, to deliver two lakh government jobs, Rs 5 lakh assistance under the 'Yuva Vikasam' scheme and revamp of the Telangana Public Service Commission (TGPSC) within a year.

"Rahul Gandhi Ji, the youth in Ashok Nagar are waiting to thank you for delivering on the two lakh jobs in one year promise. They also want to express their gratitude for the Rs 5 lakh Yuva Vikasam assistance and also the revamp of TGPSC. Welcome back to Hyderabad to meet the youngsters since your guarantee is done," he said.

Rama Rao made the statement, recalling Rahul's November 2023 announcement, where he accused the BRS government under former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao of failing the youth. During his speech in Ashok Nagar, Rahul had promised swift action with a job calendar that would create two lakh government jobs in one year, to overhaul the TGPSC to meet UPSC standards, and to provide Rs 5 lakh assistance to unemployed youth through the Yuva Vikasam scheme.

He took a dig at CM Revanth Reddy, calling him the reincarnation of German propagandist Joseph Goebbels for his lies regarding the government recruitments. He questioned the State government's publicity campaign, which was taking credit for jobs notified and recruited by the previous BRS government.

In Brief

MEDAK

Bike goes up in flames

A bike went up in flames after an SUV hit the two-wheeler, injuring the rider at Rampur village in Kulcharam mandal on Wednesday. According to Kulcharam police, Nikhil, working as a junior assistant in Medak Collectorate, was heading towards Jogipet on his bike when the incident occurred. He was rushed to government hospital in Medak. His condition was said to be critical.

WARANGAL

Seven injured in accident

Seven persons were injured when a State-run RTC bus rammed a tractor at Katryal area of Wardhanapet mandal of the district on Wednesday. The impact of the accident was such that the tractor broke into three pieces. According to reports, the sand-laden tractor was crossing the road when the speeding bus crashed into it. Drivers of both the vehicles were seriously injured and five bus passengers too suffered injuries. All the injured were shifted to a nearby government hospital for treatment. There were 30 passengers on board the bus at the time of the accident. A case was registered.

HYDERABAD

KTR wishes Omar

BRS leader KT Rama Rao congratulated J&K National Conference's Omar Abdullah on winning the polls. "Congratulations Omar Abdullah. What a terrific comeback. Like they say, you made sure your comeback was better than the setback. Best wishes in governing the most beautiful State of India (in anticipation that statehood will be restored soonest)."

Agri varsity scientists inspect paddy fields

STATE BUREAU
KARIMNAGAR

A team of scientists from Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agriculture University (PJTSAU) examined fine variety paddy fields in Karimnagar rural mandal on Wednesday.

In the wake of complaints that Jai Shri Ram gold variety paddy seed supplied by Mumbai-based Yashodha Hybrid Seeds Private Ltd, had not grown at all, the scientists visited the fields.

Scientists including Dr D Srilatha, Dr P Madhukar and D M Rajendra Prasad examined fields of Manda Thirupathi of Bommakal, Anumula Mallaiah of Gopalpur, Gujjula Devender Reddy, Kantham Satish Reddy and Gujjula Maruthi Reddy of Cherlabuthkur, Busarapu Bhumaiah of Erukulla, Perumandla Srinivas of Chamanpalli, Damarapalli Ramanjaneyulu, Kasturi Malla Reddy of Nagunur.

Ryots intensify stir against Pharma Villages

To continue protest until proposal withdrawn

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

Protests against the proposed Pharma Villages in the State are getting louder with villagers, especially farmers and Opposition parties, staging demonstrations, opposing the move.

The farmers clashed with the police near Hakimpet on Wednesday, while they were on their way to Dudyal Mandal Revenue Officer's office in Kodangal constituency, represented by Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy.

Farmers at Hakimpet have been protesting for the last 27 days, raising concerns over environmental pollution caused by the Pharma Village, a cluster for pharma companies. The farmers gave a call for Maha Padayatra from Polepally to the Dudyal MRO office on Wednesday, but were stopped by the police near Hakimpet in Dudyal mandal, where the government proposes to set up the Pharma Village. Former BRS MLA Patnam Narender Reddy and other BRS cadre joined the rally in support of farmers. However, the police personnel deployed in large numbers stopped the protesters from moving forward and arrested them.

> Farmers at Hakimpet have been protesting for last 27 days, raising concerns over environmental pollution

The protesters said Revanth and his brothers were forcibly taking their lands to allocate them to pharma companies, threatening their livelihoods. They vowed to continue their protest and intensify them until the State government withdrew its proposal.

Villagers from Yacharam also staged demonstrations and played Bathukamma in protest against the Pharma Village. They demanded that the State government withdraw its proposals.

The previous government proposed Pharma City project on 14,000 acres of land in Yacharam mandal in Rangareddy district. After Congress came to power, the Chief Minister announced that the government would scrap the plan and establish Pharma Villages.

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Interested and eligible candidates can apply for Spot Admission into MBA 1st year in the vacant seats of Convener Quota on or before 16-10-2024 and can apply for "B" Category (Management Quota-36) seats are available for the academic year 2024-25. The admissions will be made as per rules and regulations of Osmania University, TGICET – 2024 & Govt. of Telangana.
Sd/- Hon. Secretary

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Kachiguda, Hyderabad - 500027.
Notification for MBA Spot Admissions TSICET 2024
Date of Spot Admissions: **15 October, 2024**
Registration Time: **10.30 AM to 11.30 AM**
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For queries related to Category B admissions into MBA, contact 040-24740739

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SPOT ADMISSION NOTIFICATION FOR MBA I YEAR TGICET- 2024

Course	MBA
Vacancies	5

Application form & Instructions to candidates can be obtained from the college on all working days from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Filled applications should be submitted on or before **14 October 2024** in the college admission section. Spot Admissions will be done on **16 October 2024**. College Tuition fee Rs. 45,000 /- per year. Candidates are instructed to attend the Spot admissions along with all Original Certificates. The eligibility norms & admission procedure will be strictly made as per guidelines given by the Convener, TGICET-2024.
*Note: Fee reimbursement is not applicable to the candidates admitted under Spot Admissions.
Sd/- Principal

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SPOT ADMISSIONS NOTIFICATIONS FOR MBA for A.Y. 2024-2025
Applications are invited for Spot Admission Vacant Seats under Convenor Quota may approach the college on or before 16-10-2024. Admissions made by the guidelines of TGICET-2024.
ADMISSION NOTIFICATION FOR B-CATEGORY SEATS for A.Y. 2024-2025

Course	Intake	B.Cat
MBA	120	36

Filled applications can be submitted in person in the college on or before 14-10-2024
Admission under Category B are subject to TGCHE guidelines and approval of competent authority.
Sd/- Secretary

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(TOTAL VACANCIES : 5)

Sn.	H.Ticket No.	Rank	Course	Name	Sex	Category
1	2427605005	5307	MBA	Koyadi Manoj Kumar	M	BC-B
2	2437211405	17660	MBA	Velishala Srujana	F	BC-B
3	2417202785	23329	MBA	Banapuram Varalaxmi	F	ST
4	2437110604	28529	MBA	Lingala Varunitha	F	SC
5	2427110479	37833	MBA	Moturi Vaishnavi	F	SC

Eligible candidates may apply for the above vacancies by submitting application with original certificates on or before 15-10-2024 in the college office from 10 am to 5 pm
Spot Admissions on 15-10-2024 & 16-10-2024
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RCI Road, Behind Manchi School, Balapur, Hyd–05, Ph: 9849006877, www.bbrit.in
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Sd/- SECRETARY

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Manneguda, Turkayamjal, Near RTA Office, Sagar Highway, R.R.Dist (10 KMS From L.B.Nagar 'X' Road
Contact: 9866749525, 8686005085 / Email: stjohnsmbamca@gmail.com
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Course : MBA & MCA
- No of Vaccancies MBA Cource - 36
- No of Vaccancies MCA Cource - 18

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Email: prcb.boduppal@gmail.com, Ph.No: 040-64643900, 9000200222, 9908806446.
MBA Category "B" Admissions Notification-2024
MBA - Intake-180
(30% Management Quota - 54 Seats available)
Available Seats (PRCB-36 & PRCBSF-18)
Eligible Candidates can obtain application from College between **10.00 AM to 4.00 PM** or Download application from College website: **www.prrcbm.com** on or before **14-10-2024.**
Date: 09-10-2024 Sd/- Secretary

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Admission Notification For SPOT - 2024 - 2025
Course : MBA & MCA
- No of Vaccancies MCA Cource - 03
- No of Vaccancies MBA Cource - 09

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TG ICET Counselling Code – JOSE

Sl.NO	Institute Code	Branch Code	Intake	Allotted	Reported	Vacant
1	JOSE	MBA	126	126	119	7

The admissions will be made as per the guidelines issued by the Convenor- TGICET
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Applications are invited for **B-Category seats** for the academic year 2024-25 for **MBA, M.Pharmacy, and Pharm D (PB)** as follows:

Branch	Ph.Ceu.	Ph.Col.	Ph.Ana.	Ph.Che.	Ph. Pra.	Ph.R.A	PharmD (PB)	MBA
Intake	15	15	15	15	15	15	10	120
B.Cat	04	04	04	04	04	04	03	36

Applications can be collected from the college or downloaded from the college website (www.samskruti.ac.in). Eligible and interested candidates may submit the application form on or before **14.10.2024**. Admissions under Category B are subject to the guidelines and approval of TSCHE.
TG ICET-2024 SPOT ADMISSIONS
Applications are invited for admissions against vacant seats for the MBA program. The last date for submission of applications is **October 15, 2024, by 4:00 PM.** Candidates who submit their applications may attend the spot admissions on **October 16, 2024,** at the college campus. Please bring original certificates and the required fees. The spot admissions will be conducted according to the guidelines of the convenor, TGICET-2024.
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Date:10-10-2024 Cell: 9701368992, 9701368996 Sd/-Principal

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SC categorisation in 60 days: Revanth

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

The State government will constitute a 'One-Man Commission' to implement sub-categorisation of SC, in accordance with a recent Supreme Court verdict. The Commission, to be headed by a retired High Court judge, is tasked with submitting its report within 60 days. This report will serve as the basis for issuing new job notifications, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy announced during a review meeting held at the Secretariat on Wednesday.

Cabinet panel formed

HYDERABAD: The State government on Wednesday formed a Cabinet subcommittee to address various issues related to paddy procurement. This Cabinet committee includes ministers Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu, N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, D. Sridhar Babu, and Tummala Nageswara Rao.

In Brief

HYDERABAD

Ex-HC judge may head TGERC

The government has reportedly decided to appoint former judge of Madras HC Justice Devaraju Nagarjun as Chairman of Telangana State Electricity Regulatory Commission (TGERC). According to sources, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has given his consent for the appointment of Justice Nagarjun. Current chairman T Sriranga Rao's term ends on October 29.

Harish Rao calls CM Revanth 'betrayer'

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

Senior BRS leader T Harish Rao tore into Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, stating that he had betrayed the Telangana cause and was misleading the public with false promises. He attacked Revanth Reddy, stating that the man caught with bags of money in the cash-for-vote scandal was now preaching morals to teachers.

In a strong counter to the Chief Minister's abusive rhetoric during the distribution of appointment letters to DSC qualified teachers at LB Stadium here on Wednesday, Harish lashed out at Revanth Reddy for wasting public money to insult former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao. He termed Revanth Reddy's actions "uncultured" and an attempt to corrupt the minds of teachers, who were meant to shape society. "No one except traitors of Telangana would dare call the former Chief Minister a devil," he said, pointing out that while Chandrashekhar Rao was leading the Telangana Statehood movement, people like Revanth Reddy were standing in the way. He lashed out at Revanth Reddy for betraying Telangana's cause, labeling him a "traitor."

The BRS MLA slammed the Chief Minister for misleading the public regarding job recruitments, pointing out that many of the achievements Revanth Reddy was now claiming credit for, including 30,000 job appointments, were actually the result of BRS efforts. "The notifications, exams and even verification processes were all done under Chandrashekhar Rao's leadership. Revanth Reddy just handed over appointment letters in the last leg of recruitment process but is taking credit for the entire exercise," he said. Harish said the Congress failed to deliver its promises, including two lakh jobs a year, with no job notification released in the last 10 months. Finding fault with Revanth Reddy for lying over recruitments, he pointed out that during the BRS regime, more than 1.6 lakh government jobs were filled, including 11,000 teaching and 12,000 non-teaching posts in residential welfare schools, as well as regularisation of services. He called Revanth the "real threat to Telangana", vowing that Chandrashekhar Rao and the BRS would protect the State from his "deceptive leadership".

ToD tariff to apply for EV charging rates

Tariff may decrease by 20% during daytime benefiting consumers

STATE BUREAU
HYDERABAD

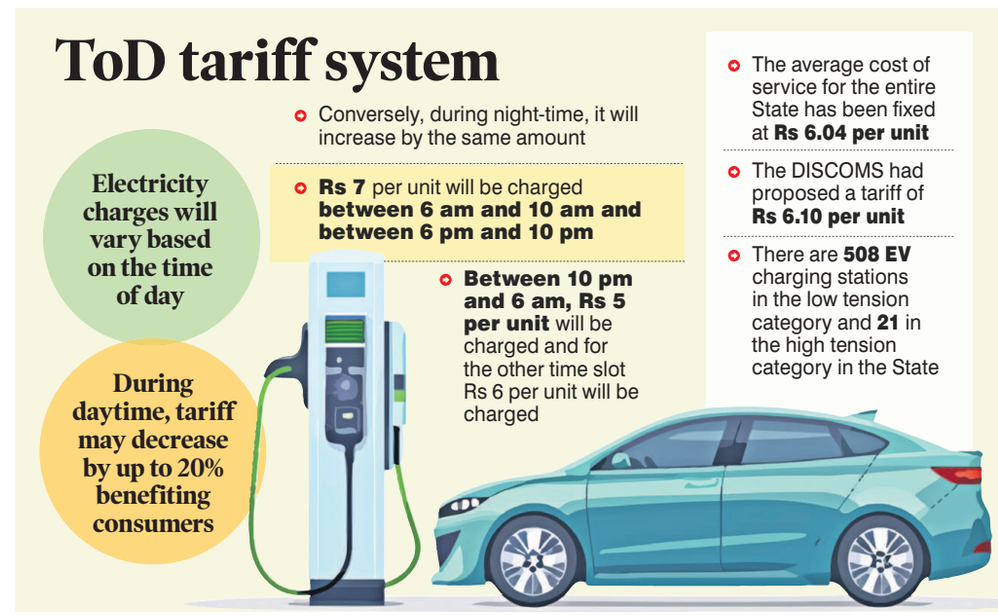
The Telangana State Electricity Regulatory Council (TGERC) has reportedly fixed the tariff of electric vehicle (EV) charging as per Time of Day (ToD) tariff system.

Under the ToD tariff system, electricity charges will vary based on the time of day. The current flat rate system will be replaced. During daytime, the tariff may decrease by up to 20 per cent, benefiting consumers. Conversely, during night-time, the tariff will increase by the same amount.

As per the new tariff, Rs 7 per unit will be charged between 6 am and 10 am and 6 pm and 10 pm. Similarly, between 10 pm and 6 am Rs 5 per unit will be charged and for the other time slot Rs 6 per unit will be charged. The average cost of service (CoS) for the entire State has been fixed at Rs 6.04 per unit. The DISCOMS had proposed a tariff of Rs 6.10 per unit.

The Telangana Southern Power Distribution Company Limited (TGSPDCL) and Telangana Northern Power Distribution Company Limited (TGNPDCL) had filed pleas before the commission seeking determination of tariff for electric vehicle charging stations (battery swap) under section 64 of Electricity Act, 2003. The commission did not concede to the same rate of fixed tariff applicable in other States arguing that there were several factors which determine the tariff such as financial viability of the distribution licensee, and therefore one rate cannot fit the bill for all the States. It also rejected the use of open access through renewable energy sources for charging stations as rules and regulations are in vogue at present to release power supply to charging stations.

The commission, while setting the tariff, considered that the Central government in its draft amendments to the tariff policy had stated that the applicable tariff for charging stations will be less than or equal to the average cost of supply determined by the AT and C (Aggregate Technical & Commercial) loss level of 25 percent or actual, whichever is lower. There are 508 EV charging stations in the low tension (LT) category and 21 in the high tension (HT) category in the State.



Newborn stolen from hospital

T KARNAKAR REDDY
Sangareddy

A newborn baby girl was allegedly stolen from the Mother and Child Hospital (MCH) in Sangareddy on Wednesday.

According to the Sangareddy police, a woman Naseema from Dudikonda in Manoor mandal was admitted to the MCH for delivery on Tuesday. She delivered a baby girl later in the evening. However, the infant went missing by Wednesday afternoon. Following a complaint from the infant's father Abbas Ali, the Sangareddy one-town police launched a hunt to trace her. Meanwhile, the police also checked the CCTV footage to trace the child. They found four women carrying the baby out of the hospital. While three of them entered the ward, one waited outside on a scooter. Later, two of them took the girl on the scooter while the other two boarded an autorickshaw to leave the place.

> Police through CCTV footage found four women carrying the baby out of the hospital in Sangareddy

Hospital Superintendent Dr Anil Kumar said the infant was in the possession of her grandparents when she was stolen. SP Chennuri Rupesh visited the place and spoke to the mother, her relatives and hospital staff. Sangareddy DSP Sathaiah was investigating. The police were also probing whether the abductors were known to the family.

Over 10,000 teachers get appointment letters

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

Continuing his abusive rhetoric, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy blamed former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao for not issuing DSC notification and denying jobs to aspiring government teachers. He said the DSC notification was delayed by three years after the State formation and the process took another two years under the BRS regime, while the Congress government recruited 10,006 teachers within 65 days of notification. Revanth distributed 10,006 appointment letters to teachers at the DSC-2024 teacher recruitment ceremony held at LB Stadium on Wednesday.

Addressing the gathering, he likened the former Chief Minister to a demon for neglecting the State's unemployment crisis. He claimed credit for delivering 30,000 job appointment letters within 90 days of coming to power. He stressed the pivotal role of government schools in shaping Telangana's future, committing to infrastructure improvements and the establishment of Young India Residential Schools.

PUBLIC NOTICE

All the general public are hereby informed that my client, Sri.Turupu Shekar Reddy S/o Sri.Turupu Bal Reddy, aged about 44 years, Occ: Business, R/o H.No. 1-53/2, Aziz Nagar Village, Moinabad Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, T.G he has lost his Original Sale deed bearing No. 18626/2022, dt. 30-9- 2022, reg at S.R.O. Maheshwaram, Ranga Reddy District, at Aziz Nagar to Chevella main Road, but the same was not traced out, hence I request to all, if any body found please inform to my office.

Sd/- **D. SANGAPPA** B.Sc., LL.B.
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Few seats are vacant in MBA course Interested Students who are qualified in ICET - 2024 Or Degree with 50% and above in Aggregate, Seeking admission in the college.
For SPOT Admissions Report on or before 16/10/2024
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SPOT ADMISSIONS FOR MBA & B-CATEGORY SEATS NOTIFICATION FOR 2024-25
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No. of admissions available in SPOT: 8
No. of admissions in B-Category: 72
Sd/- Secretary/ Correspondent.

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SPOT ADMISSIONS FOR MBA & B-CATEGORY SEATS NOTIFICATION FOR 2024-25
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Report on or before 14.10.2024 for B-Category and 16.10.2024 for Spot Admission
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CHANGE OF NAME

I, Shilpa Ramesh R/o 302, Hiranmayee Residency, Teachers Colony, East Marredpally, Secunderabad 500026 have changed my minor son's name from **Lakshyaved Kalicharan to Lakshyavedh Kalicharan.** [TT-3838I]

I, CHINTHAKINDI GOURI, R/o. 5-9-22/106/1, BESIDE ESI QUARTERS, ADARSH NAGAR, HYD-500063. CHANGED MY NAME AS **BETHALA VIJAYA GOURI**, W/o. CHINTHAKINDI PRAKASH. [TT-8331]

I, Krishna Veni, H-NO.3-11-169-1, RTC Colony, L.B.nagar, Saroornagar,Rangareddy Dist,Telangana, pin-500074 I have changed myname from **Krishna Veni to Parupally Krishna Veni** W/o Sangaiah Parupally [TT-8331]

I, BOTLA SUCHENDER KARAN S/o. Late BOTLA SHIVARAM residing at 404, 4th Floor, C Block, SSPDL Cybercity Apartments, Osman Nagar, Sangareddy, Telangana, 502300 have changed my name to **SHIVAVANSH SUBHASH JAI** for all future purposes. [TT-8331]

I, Prabhakar Kaitapu S/o. Late Kummari Yellaiah H.No. 1-11/20/1, Plot No. 29, Janapriya Nagar-1, Old Hafeezpet, Miyapur, Serilingampally, Rangareddy District, Telangana-500049, Changed my name as **KUMMARI PAPAIAH.** [TT-8278]

I, PERMANAND DAS RADHA KRISHNA WAGHRAY s/o Late Permanand das R/o 16-11-741, Moosaram bagh Beside Shruthi dental clinic, Malakpet, Hyderabad,Telangana-36, I am changing my name as **RADHA KRISHNA WAGHRAY** for all Future purposes [TT-11585]

I, Nagalaxmi W/o .Shiva Kumar Reddy Musuku Hno : 2-17-127/82 , Raghavendra Nagar, Back Side Ganesh Temple, Uppal Circle and Rangareddy district, Telangana - 500039, Changed my name from Nagalaxmi To **MARAM NAGALAXMI W/o. SHIVA KUMAR REDDY MUSUKU.** [TT-8454]

I, Hajra Basith W/o Abdul Basith Mohammed R/o:18-12-418/10/B/1/15, Hafez Baba Nagar, Bandlaguda Chandrayangutta, Hyd. Has Changed My Name as **HAJERA BEGUM** [TT-8473]

I, Reema, D/o. Mohammed Noorulla, R/o. 8-1-403/108, Laxman Nagar, Shaikpet, Hyd. TS. PP.No. M2387754. Has changed my name as **Reema Noorulla.** [TT-8473]

I, ZAIBUNNISA W/o. MOHAMMED ABDUL KHADER KHAN, State that my name in my husband passport No. K081940 is ZAIBUNNISA which is changed to **ZAINUB ULL NOOR Cell: 9440774924.** [TT-8473]

I, Mangalagiri Udaya Bhasker Rao, S/o, Mangalagiri Lakshmi Narasaiah. R/o. 5-101/4A, Sribalaji Nagar cly, Puppalguda, Rajendranagar, RR dist, TS. Changed My name as **Mangalagiri Udaya Bhaskara Rao.** [TT-8473]

I, SUKANYA R/o. H.No. 2-1-362/8, YELLAMMABANDA, KUKATPALLY, HYDERABAD, TELANGANA 500072. CHANGED MY NAME AS **"KAMMARI PADMA** W/o. KAMMARI KUMAR" [TT-8473]

I, BEJJENKI SATYANARAYAN RAO R/o. P.No. 369, Rd No.24, JUBILEE HILLS, Hyd -500033, TS. Changed my name as **BEJJENKI SATYANARAYANA RAO** S/o. RAJA GOPAL RAO BEJJENKI [TT-8474]

I, MARIYAJOSEPH DIVYA T R/o.FNo. 102, Hill Side Residency, Padmasri Hills, Bandlaguda Jagir, Cyb- R.R-500076, TS. Changed my name as **DIVYA ENNAM** W/o. Dinesh Reddy Ennam [TT-8474]

I, SYED JAMEEL, Residence of HNO 2-3-647/A/25, New Pream Nagar, Amberpet, Hyderabad - 500013, TS. I Have Change Of My Name As **"SYED JAMEEL AHMED,** S/o. SYED AFZAL. [TT-8474]

I, PRITHURAJ S/o. RAHUL KUMAR R/o.FNo.501 MYPI CRYSTAL APRT, RATNA ENCLAVE, SPRING FIELD Cly, JEEDIMETLA SUCHITRA, Medchal -500067, T.S. Change My Name As **PRITHURAJ GAUTAM** S/o. RAHUL KUMAR GAUTAM [TT-8474]

I, DODABOINA LAXMI Resident of: H.No. 1-7-750/A/5/1, RAMNAGAR, HYD -500020. TG Changed My Name to **DODDABOINA LAXMI** W/o. DODDABOINA RAMA SWAMY. [TT-8474]

I, DODABOINA RAMA SWAMY Resident of 1-7-750/A/5/1, RAMNAGAR, HYDERABAD-500020. TG Changed My Name to **DODDABOINA RAMAS WAMY** S/o. DODDABOINA VENKAIAH. [TT-8474]

I, BILLA DILIP KUMAR REDDY R/o. HNo. 2-3-278, Rd No. 5, Sai nagar Colony, Nagole Banblaguda R.R. TS. Changed My Name to **BILLA DILIP REDDY** S/o. BILLA RAMCHANDRA REDDY [TT-8474]

I, Navaneeta Singh, D/o. Nagender Singh, R/o.H No. LIG B 541, A.s Rao nagar, Hyderabad-500062, T.S Changed My New Name As **NEHA TABASSUM.** for all records purpose. [TT-8474]

I, SARDAR AVATAR SINGH R/o.F.402 SKS residency Timber lake colony Raigurgam drug prashanthi hills Cy'bad TS. Changed My Name to **SARDAR AVTAR SINGH** S/o. Sardar Amrik Singh [TT-8473]

I, NAVYAREDDY SUDULA, W/o. SUDULA SAI RAJ VIVEK REDDY, OCC: Pvt. Employee, age: 31yrs. R/o. H.No: 9-5-302, Raji Reddy Nagar, Champapet, Hyd - 500079, I have changed my name **NAVYAREDDY SUDULA** to LINGALA NAVYAREDDY [TT-338915]

LOST

I, GANGIDI SUSHANT REDDY, S/O: GANGIDI JANARDHAN REDDY, R/O: H NO: 1-8-37/2, CHIKKADPALLY, HYD-500020, HAVE LOST MY ORIGINAL Passport No: G-5910622, Issued on 11 JAN 2008 and valid up to 10 JAN 2018. Issued at HYDERABAD On 18 SEP 2024. WHILE TRAVELLING FROM MY HOUSE CHIKKADPALLY TO BASHEERBAGH , HYD. MY PASSPORT MISSED, IF FOUND PLS **CALL: 96529 73172.** [TT-8330]

I, YASEEN SHARIF S/o. LATE YOUSUF SHAREEF R/o. H.No: 18-12-419/502, Hafez Baba Nagar, Hyderabad. T.S. Has Lost My Original Property Documents no: 6010/2018. in the above mentioned house. if anyone found please **Cont: 8125187021** [TT-8473]

I, TEHNYAT ZAFAR D/o. ZAFAR MOHAMMAD. R/o. H.No. 5-6-698, Kattal Mandi, Abids South, Nampally, Hyd, T.S 500001, Have lost my Passport Bearing No: A8544177, date of issue 07-03-2000, and date of expiry is 06-03-2005, has been lost, While Travelling from My Residency To Nampally Road, If anyone Found plz **Cont- 9331001823** [TT-8473]

I, ASHISH REDDY DEVASANI S/o **SRINIVAS REDDY DEVASANI**, R/o. Plot No.29, Sikhara Villas, Opposite Sri Chaitanya Junior College, Bachpalle, R.R.Dist, T.S.-500090. That I Lost my Original Registered Link Sale Deed Doct. No: 10415/1992, Lost on: 05-10-2024, at Shamshabad Bus Stop. Area if any found please **Contact: 9010111435.** [TT-338915]

Mylavaapu Sambasiva Rao S/o. Mylavaapu Badraiah, Boduppal, Chengicherla, Medchal-Malkajgiri Dist, my Pass port No B235465 Lost travelling from Sree Sai Enclave to Buduppal. **Call. 73828 15259.** [TT-KNR]

LOSS OF DOCUMENTS
I, Chakravadhanula Uma W/o C Venkateswara Sarma R/o. IDEA Clinics 100 Feet Road Madhapur Ayyappa Society Above Madhapur Wine Mart Madhapur, Hyderabad Telangana Loss My Original Link Document of Sale Deed Document **No 6280/2006** Dated 17/04/2006 and sale Deed Document Number **3670/2006** Dated 06/03/2006. While Iwas Travelling to my clinic to Madhapur Ph:
9490752772

LOSS OF DOCUMENTS
I Chakravadhanula Uma W/o. C Venkateswara Sarma R/o. IDEA Clinics 100 Feet Road Madhapur Ayyappa society Above Madhapur Wine Mart Madhapur, Hyderabad, Telangana. Loss My Original Link Document of sale Deed Documents **No 3669/06** Dated 06/03/2006 and sale Deed Document Number **3610/06** Dated 06/03/2006 SRO Samerpeta While Iwas Travelling to my clinic to Madhapur Ph:
9490752772

LOST DOCUMENTS
I, M ANUSUYA W/o.M YADAGIRI Residing at H.No. 5-68 AFA Gate (v) Annaram(M) Gummadidal (D) Medak TS I have Lost My Original Sale Deed Document No.3214/1984 of 30 th May-1984, SRO- Ranga Reddy that Property Plot No.300 Area 300 Sq Yards, of Vinayak Nagar Cly Survey No.36/24 situated at Gopannapally -Vill, Serilingampally Mandal R.R.Dist. While travelling From My Residency to Gummadala if anybody Found pls Contact
6305236391

LOST DOCUMENTS
I, SANJANA, W/o. B SANJAY, R/o. 5-1- 180/1, Jam Bagh, Poosal Basthi, Hyd- 500012, that my Father-in-Law, Late.B RAIDAS, S/o.Late.B NARENDER, during his life time has Gift this Property to me on 20 day of January 2020, bearing Municipal No.5-2-174/&175, total admeasuring 54 Sq Yards or 45.14 Sq. Mtrs., in situated at Pusal Basthi, Jambagh, Hyd Registered Sale Deed Doct No. 2511/2000, July- 29/2000, SRO- Hyd, I was shifting My House Jambagh Bagh Area Near to My old House I lost my Release Deed. if anybody Found pls Contact:
9966899153

LOST OF DOCUMENT
I, MATURI NAGALAKSHMI, W/o. Yugandhar, H.No. 3-4-53/308, Sai Baba Nagar Colony, Phase-1, Prakash Nagar, Sangeet Nagar, Kukatpally, Hyderabad, Telangana-500 072, have Lost/misplaced My Original Document of Special Power of Attorney Document No. 39/2022 and Link Document Regd. No. 4348/1987 and related Link Documents for this Documents were Lost/misplaced while travelling by bike from Sangeeth Nagar to Kukatpally. If found, pls. Contact:
6300538374

CHANGE OF NAME
I, GOPU MANVITHA REDDY, D/o. Gopu Kiran Kumar Reddy, R/o. H.No. 8-133, Vasavi Nagar, Gajwel Town, Gajwel (M), Siddipet (D), TS., hereby inform that My actual Name is GOPU MANVITHA REDDY, D/o. Gopu Kiran Kumar Reddy. As per Old Aadhar Card GOPU MANVITHA, D/o. Gopu Kiran Reddy. As per New Aadhar Card and Study Certificate GOPU MANVITHA REDDY, D/o. Gopu Kiran Kumar Reddy. As per Passport GOPU MANVITHA, D/o. Kiran Gopu, both Names are belong to me only.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
The General public are hereby informed that my client, Beesam Laxmi W/o. Late Beesam Damodhar, aged about 57 years, Occ: Business, R/o. 162, Dommara Pochampally Village, Police Station Backside, Gandimaissamma Dundigal Mandal, Medchal Malkajgiri District-500043, has lost Sale Deed Doc. No.3017 of 1985 dated 22.04.1985 in favour of Sandukotla Chakrapani executed by Bonganuru Gopal Reddy and registered at R.O.Rangareddy. My client is absolute owner of Plot No.2, admeasuring 350 Sq.yds., in survey no.127, situated at Dommara Pochampally Village and Grampanchayat, Gandimaissamma Dundigal Mandal, Medchal Malkajgiri District, and bounded by: North: Plot No. 3; South: Plot No.1; East: Plot No.17; West: 100 ft Wide Road; having purchased through Sale Deed Doc.No.6181 of 2017 dated 12.09.2017 executed by Mohammed Masihuddin and registered at R.O. Medchal.
Therefore If any person/s, Financial Institutions, having any kind of claim, objections, interest or right over the above mentioned property hereby required to make the same known in writing along with documentary proof to the undersigned, within 7 days from the date of publication here off, anybody finds the same may be handover to me.
Sd/- **K.RAJANI**
Advocate
H.No. 16-113, Flat No.101, Sai Vihar Residency, New Mirjalguda, Malkajgiri - 500 047.
Cell No. 9393099916, 9700022422

PUBLIC NOTICE
Under the instructions of my client, Mr. Ummannagari Bhaskar Reddy, this notice is hereby given to the general public that my client is the owner of the property being All that the Open Plot No. 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63 & 64, in Survey Nos. 116 and 116/ J, Vide G.P.L.P No. 2/2009, admeasuring total area of which is 14940.00 Sq. Feet or 1660.00 Sq. Yards, situated at Elchipur Village, Adloor Grampanchayat, Kamareddy Mandal and District., having acquired the same vide Registered Sale Deed bearing document no. 2599 of 2018 dated 29.03.2018 and Registered Ratifcation Deed bearing doc no. 5163 of 2018 dated 29.06.2018 executed by Mr.Kakarla Chinna Balaiah and Mr.Arkala Narsimlu.
It is informed to the general public that my client, has lost/misplaced the original title documents of the property i.e Registered Sale Deed bearing document no. 2599 of 2018 dated 29.03.2018 and Registered Ratifcation Deed bearing doc no. 5163 of 2018 dated 29.06.2018 executed by Mr.Kakarla Chinna Balaiah and Mr.Arkala Narsimlu and the same are not available in original with my client and further my client has also lodged a police complaint in SHO Kamareddy for lost documents and later the SHO Kamareddy has issued a Non Traceable Certificate vide No.1520235200220 dated 20.02.2020 stating that all efforts have been made to trace the documents but the same could not be traced.
It is further informed that, any person who has found or who finds the above mentioned Original Title Deeds, may return the same by way of registered post to the address given below or inform the undersigned by telephone, any person/(s) having any objections, claims, right, lien, title over the said property may please contact the under signed within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice with relevant documents in support of their claim.
Sd/- **SRIRAM REGANI,**
Advocate
Flat no # 307, MNK'S Vittal's Central Court, New Bhoiguda, Secunderabad, PIN Code # 500003. **Cell: 9440437572**

NOTICE
BHARAT PETROLEUM CORPORATION LIMITED (BPCL), a Company incorporated under the Indian Companies Act 1913 is intending to take on lease the vacant land admeasuring 687.45 square metres, Plot No. 2, 3, 27 & 28 in Sy No.799 & 800, Nadergul Village, Balapur Mandal, Rangareddy District, Telangana State,
North: Remaining land in Sy No. 799 & 800
South: Remaining land in Sy No. 799 & 800, **East :** Road,
West : Remainingland in Sy No. 799 & 800
From its owner and titleholders Shri. Puttagalla Jagan, S/o. Shri. Puttagalla Sandhaiah for a period of 30 years. If any person other than Shri. Puttagalla Jagan is having any right or claim in any manner over the said property, the same may be intimated to BPCL at the following address within 7 days from today:
Territory Manager (Retail), Hyderabad Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited Hyderabad. Territory Office, Post Bag No. 4, PO: HCL, Food Corporation of India Road, Cherlapally, Hyderabad-500051.
Date: 10/10/2024
Place: Hyderabad

PUBLIC NOTICE
The General Public are hereby informed that, my client, **M/s. Indusind Bank Ltd.** having its Registered Office at 2401, Gen Thimmayya Rd. (Cantonment) Rune-411 001 and also having Branch Offices at Secunderabad and Hyderabad; are into the business of providing credit facility to customers through Mortgage Loans.
Mr. Mohd. Zia Uddin and Mrs. Jafri Sadiq Unnisa Begum have approached my client at Branch Office in Suryodaya Chambers, Begumpet, Hyderabad for availing a loan on the property being House bearing Municipal No. 8-1-403/43/1, corresponding to its part of Old House No. 8-1-403/43 on part of Plot No. 43 and part of Old House No. 8-1-402/A/43 in Sy.Nos. 308, 309, 310 and 311, admeasuring 100 Sq.yds., situated at Laxman Nagar, Shaikpet Village, Hyderabad and the said loan was sanctioned and disbursed vide A/c. No. AXB00009N.
It is informed that **Mr. Mohd. Zia Uddin and Mrs.Jafri Sadiq Unnisa Begum** have repaid the entire outstanding loan amount and the loan is closed.
It is further informed to the General Public that the Original title Documents i.e., 1. Original agreement of sale cum general power of attorney Doc.No. 2612 of 2010, Dated 16-07-2010 in favour of Mr. Mohd Ziauddin, 2. Original Registered Sale Deed bearing Doc.No. 752 of 2017, Dated 27-02-2017 in favour of Mrs. Jafri Sadiq Unnisa Begum, 3. Registered Memorandum of Deposit of Title Deed Doc.No. 7628 of 2019, Dated 28-11-2019 in favour of Darussalam Co-operative Urban Bank Ltd., 4. Registered Release of Memorandum of Deposit of Title Deed Doc.No. 2633 of 2023, Dated 15-04-2023 in favour of Mrs. Jafri Sadiq Unnisa Begum, 5. Original Registered memorandum of deposit of title Deed Doc.No. 3507 of 2023, Dated 26-05-2023 in favour of IndusInd Bank Ltd. pertaining to the property has been Lost/misplaced in custody of my client during the shifting of transportation of documents from branch to depository and the same are not traceable by my client.
Hence, it is informed to all the general public, not to deal or carry out any Transactions with anyone, other than **Mr. Mohd Zia Uddin and Mrs. Jafri Sadiq Unnisa Begum** on the basis of the said missing Original Documents and if any person has found the above mentioned Title Deeds, the same may be returned by way of Registered post to the address given below or inform the undersigned by telephone.
In case any person indulges or has already indulged in any transaction basis the above mentioned missing Original Documents, he/she shall be liable for legal action including penal and monetary damages.
Sd/- K.RAMRATAN REDDY, Advocate
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Email: k3r.advocate@gmail.com

Cong dividing people on caste lines: PM

Says Haryana verdict shows people won't back hateful conspiracies of Cong, 'urban Naxals'

PTI
NAGPUR

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said the BJP's victory in the Haryana elections shows the mood in the country and the people have shown they will not fall prey to the hateful conspiracies of the Congress and "urban Naxals".

The Congress is an irresponsible party and a factory to "spread hatred" which wants to divide Hindus and pit one community against another, Modi said after virtually launching various development projects of more than Rs 7,600 crore in Maharashtra. The opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) wants to weaken Maharashtra to gain power, but the ruling Mahayuti (comprising BJP, Shiv Sena and NCP) is determined to strengthen the State, he said.

Elections to the 288-member Maharashtra assembly are likely to be held next month. The PM said, "Never in the history of Maharashtra has development taken place at such a fast pace, on such a large scale, in different sectors. During the Congress rule, such speed and scale were seen in different sectors of corruption." Further targeting the Congress, Modi cautioned against those who play divisive politics and mislead voters for personal gains.

The Congress wanted to induce fear among Muslims in the country and convert them into a vote bank, he said and also accused the opposition party of indulging in caste politics to divide Hindus for political gains. The PM expressed confidence that the people of Maharashtra would reject efforts to break the society. He said the BJP had won the Haryana assembly elections, adding that "in Maharashtra, we have to get a bigger victory."

Modi said that the Marathis and the people of Maharashtra are congratulating him for the Centre granting classical language status to Marathi.

"The entire ecosystem of the Congress and the entire urban Naxal gang was working towards misleading the people. But, all the conspiracies of Congress have been destroyed," said Modi. The Congress used all tactics to provoke the people of Haryana, but they have shown that they will not fall prey to the hateful conspiracies of Congress and "urban Naxals", he said.

Modi said the Congress tried to spread lies among Dalits, but the community understood its dangerous intentions of snatching their reservations and distributing them to its vote bank. "Today, Dalits of Haryana have given record support to the BJP and the OBCs of Haryana are with BJP looking at its development works. The Congress provoked farmers, but they know who gave them MSP (minimum support price) on their produce," he said.

The cultivators of Haryana are happy with the BJP's farmer welfare policies, he added. Modi said the Congress has always followed the formula of divide and rule and has continuously proven that it has become an irresponsible party.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually addresses the foundation stone laying ceremony in Maharashtra, on Wednesday. —Photo: PTI

ED says Karnataka Cong MLA mastermind of Valmiki scam

Agancy claims funds misused for elections of LS candidate

NEW DELHI

Karnataka Congress MLA B Nagendra is the "mastermind" behind the multi-crore Valmiki Corporation alleged scam and the funds diverted from this State government entity were also used for a candidate who contested the Lok Sabha polls earlier this year, the ED claimed Wednesday.

The federal agency said it filed a prosecution complaint or charge sheet in this case some time ago before a special Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) court in Bengaluru. The court has taken cognisance of the charge sheet, it said. "B Nagendra, MLA and former Minister for Scheduled Tribal Affairs has been named as the primary accused and mastermind behind the scam, allegedly orchestrating it with the help of 24 others, including key associates like Satyanarayana Varma, Etakari Satyanarayana, J.G. Padmanabha, Nageshwar Rao, Nekkenti Nagaraj, and Vijay Kumar Gowda," the Enforcement Directorate said.

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Nagendra was arrested by the ED in this case. The agency claimed its probe found that "under the influence of B Nagendra, the account of the Corporation (Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki ST Development Corporation) was moved to the MG Road Branch without any proper authorisation, where Rs 187 crore, including Rs. 43.33 crore from the state treasury under the Ganga Kalyana Scheme, were deposited without following proper procedures and in violation of government guidelines. "These funds were subsequently siphoned off through multiple shell accounts and converted into cash and bullion," the ED alleged.

An amount of Rs 20.19 crore of the "diverted" funds was used to support a candidate contesting the 2024 Lok Sabha election from the Bellary constituency, as well as for the personal expenses of B Nagendra, it added. The ED said "evidence" of these expenditures was found by it during search operations conducted by it and "corroborated" by financial analysis and statements "Details of these election expenses were retrieved from the mobile phone of Vijay Kumar Gowda, who handled the cash on Nagendra's instructions," it claimed.

The money laundering case stems from an FIR of the Karnataka Police and the CBI where it was alleged that around Rs 89.62 crore were diverted from the accounts of the Corporation's (Valmiki) accounts into "fake accounts" across Andhra Pradesh and Telangana and later laundered through shell entities. The alleged irregularities came to the fore after the accounts superintendent of the Corporation, Chandrasekharan was found dead on May 21. He wrote a suicide note alleging illegal transfer of money from the Corporation to various accounts. PTI

1st resolution will be on statehood: Omar

SRINAGAR

Former J&K Chief Minister and National Conference (NC) vice president Omar Abdullah said on Wednesday that the first business of the J&K Cabinet would be to pass a resolution for the restoration of statehood. Omar Abdullah said, It should be the first business of the Jammu and Kashmir Cabinet to pass a resolution asking the Centre to restore statehood to J&K.

The Chief Minister should then travel to Delhi with the resolution and ask the government to restore our statehood." He said this was promised by the Prime Minister, Home Minister and others. "Nowhere did they say that statehood would be restored only to a government that has BJP members, Omar said in a statement. IANS

National Conference vice president Omar Abdullah being greeted by party workers at his residence, in Srinagar. —Photo:PTI

'Foolish to seek restoration of Art 370 from BJP'

SRINAGAR: National Conference vice president Omar Abdullah on Wednesday said hoping for the restoration of Article 370 from the very people who snatched it would be "foolish," but his party would keep the issue alive and continue to raise it. "Our political stand will not change. We have never said that we will remain silent on Article 370 or that Article 370 is not an issue for us now," Abdullah said in a statement. PTI

In Brief

JHARKHAND

Four killed in lightning

At least four people were killed and two others were seriously injured in a lightning strike in Jharkhand's Latehar district on Wednesday, police said. Around 13 people were engaged in fencing a garden in the village and as it started raining, they took shelter under a culvert when lightning struck a nearby spot, a police officer said. "The injured persons were taken to Mahuandanr community health centre, where four of them were declared dead. Two others are seriously injured," Dr Ravi Bhagat of the medical establishment said.

GONDA (UP)

Teen raped, accused held

A teenager, working as a cook, was allegedly raped by a man when she was returning home from work, police said. The accused was identified as Ishtiyak (26). The incident occurred when the girl was returning home from work. She works as a cook in a household in her locality, In-charge Inspector of Kotwali Nagar police station Manoj Kumar Pathak said. "Seeing her alone on the way, Ishtiyak (26), stopped her and raped her. Hearing her scream, people in the vicinity reached the spot and caught the accused," Pathak said.

LUCKNOW

Fluorescent strips

The UP government has announced a new initiative to equip stray cattle with fluorescent strips to mitigate the risk of road accidents. It has allocated funds for the same from the State's Cow Protection Fund while directing district magistrates and the Animal Husbandry Department for its implementation, a government order stated. According to the government order, a portion of the State's Cow Protection Fund will be used to purchase radium strips to be tied around the necks of cows grazing near highways.

'Maha, J'khand will mirror Haryana results'

AMARAVATI

Going by the Assembly polls trends in Haryana and J&K, Maharashtra and Jharkhand which are expected to go to polls by the end of this year will yield the same results, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu said.

Addressing a press conference after coming back from a two-day Delhi tour, Naidu, showered praises on PM Narendra Modi and said the country needs to support 'one nation one elections' as frequent polls would hamper the developmental work. Complimenting the PM for the stellar performance in the recently concluded polls, Naidu said under the leadership of Modi India will become the largest economy in the world. PTI

Boat Ride With Durga

An idol of Goddess Durga being taken to a 'puja pandal' on a boat, in West Bengal on Wednesday. — Photo: PTI

Hacker puts health data of 3.12 cr on sale

NEW DELHI

After reports surfaced that customers' data of Star Health, one of the largest health insurers in the country, was available on Telegram, a hacker has now put the entire 7.24 TB data, allegedly belonging to its over 3.1 crore customers for open sale on a website for $150,000.

The sale, which also offers "parts sale for 100,000 entries each for $10,000", contains alleged insurance claims data of 57,58,425 Star Health customers (till early August 2024), along with 31,216,953 customers (till July), claimed the hacker.

The hacker, who goes by the name xenZen and whose whereabouts are not known, wrote on the website (https://starhealthleak.st/) that I am leaking all Star Health customers and insurance claims sensitive data. "This leak is sponsored by Star Health and Allied Insurance Company, who sold this data to me directly. You can check the authenticity of the data in the Telegram bots below and read about how they sold it," the hacker claimed.

The leaked data contains full names, PAN no, mobile numbers, emails, DOB, residential addresses, insured date of birth, insured names, gender, pre-existing diseases, policy numbers, health cards, nominee names, age, claims, nominee relationship, insured height, weight, BMI and more. IANS

Wangchuk's hunger strike enters day 4, RSS member visits

NEW DELHI

Sonam Wangchuk, who has been on a hunger strike for the last four days, on Wednesday, said a member of the RSS came to him last night, extended his support, and even gave him some mosquito repellent. Wangchuk, who has been camping at Ladakh Bhawan in the national capital, is yet to be approached by a central government representative, a group member said. "Someone came around 10.30-11 pm and brought herbal mosquito repellent for us. He stayed away from the gate and said he did not want to be captured in any CCTV camera," Wangchuk, on strike with several of his supporters since Sunday, said on X. "He said he is with the RSS, and close to BJP. He said we have our sympathy with you, and people of Ladakh, but we cannot come out openly," he said.

"Yesterday, BJP leader Naresh ji came with a special message from Murli Manohar Joshi ji. This makes us feel people rise above party, religion when it is about justice. They are not blind followers, they can differentiate between right and wrong," he added. According to a member of the group, several protesters had low blood pressure this morning. Wangchuk with his supporters marched to Delhi from Leh demanding the inclusion of Ladakh in the sixth schedule Constitution.

They were detained at the capital's Singhu border on September 30 by Delhi Police and released on the night of October 2. The group is demanding a meeting with top leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The sixth schedule of the Constitution includes provisions for the administration of tribal areas in the states of Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram in northeast India. PTI

BJP trying to usurp CM bungalow: AAP

NEW DELHI

In "defiance" of protocol, officers are not allotting the 6, Flagstaff Road bungalow to Delhi Chief Minister Atishi due to BJP's pressure, even as it was vacated by her predecessor Arvind Kejriwal, the AAP charged on Wednesday. Meanwhile, Leader of Opposition in Delhi Assembly Vijender Gupta accused the CM of "illegally" occupying the bungalow and demanded it be sealed.

Atishi moved with her belongings to the bungalow in North Delhi's Civil Lines area on Monday. It was occupied for over nine years by Kejriwal. In a press conference, AAP Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh alleged that the bungalow was yet to be allotted to Atishi and accused the BJP of trying to "usurp" the bungalow. He also claimed that a camp office of the CM present on the bungalow premises has been vacated.

He charged that as the BJP has been unable to win Assembly polls in Delhi, it is now trying to "usurp" the bungalow of Delhi Chief Minster. Showing documents, Singh claimed the bungalow was properly vacated by Kejriwal. The BJP earlier alleged that the bungalow was not handed over to the Public Works Department and its keys were still with Kejriwal.

Responding to Singh's allegations, Gupta questioned why the keys of the bungalow were not handed over to the PWD by Kejriwal and instead got into the hands of Atishi. PTI

Haryana results: Congress for probe into EVM 'tampering'

NEW DELHI

The Congress on Wednesday demanded a thorough probe into "discrepancies" found in some Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) during the counting of votes of the Haryana assembly polls and demanded that such EVMs should be sealed and secured pending the inquiry.

A delegation of top Congress leaders comprising former chief ministers Bhupinder Singh Hooda and Ashok Gehlot and AICC leaders K C Venugopal, Jairam Ramesh, Ajay Maken and Pawan Khera, besides Haryana Congress chief Udai Bhan, met with top Election Commission officials here.

The delegation handed over a memorandum to the officials along with specific complaints from various constituencies in Haryana. Senior party leader Abhishek Singhvi joined the meeting online.

> Congress submits to EC at least 20 specific complaints from various constituencies in Haryana

The Congress leaders alleged that there are at least 20 such complaints, including seven in writing from as many assembly constituencies, with many referring to EVMs functioning at 99 per cent battery capacity whereas the average EVMs were found to be operating at 60 to 70 per cent battery capacity during the counting.

The party alleged "glaring discrepancies" related to some of the EVMs in the Haryana polls and urged the EC to conduct a probe.

Meanwhile, the The BJP took a swipe at the Congress saying it has become the opposition party's habit under Rahul Gandhi's leadership to question EVMs, constitutional institutions, including the Election Commission, and democracy every time it loses in an election.

The BJP's media head and Rajya Sabha MP Anil Baluni said the Congress' reaction to its loss in Haryana is yet another example of this habit. PTI

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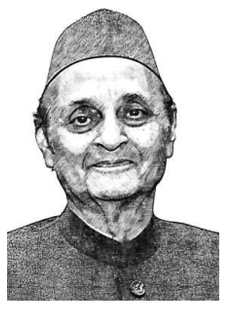

"The NC has performed spectacularly in Kashmir while BJP in Jammu. There is a clear political divide between the two regions which will be a challenge for the new government

KARAN SINGH
Congress leader

The task for the EU is to minimise illegal migration rather than create internal borders or seek mechanisms for relocating groups of illegal migrants back and forth within Europe

DONALD TUSK
Polish Prime Minister

Had Haryana polls contested by I.N.D.I.A. and seats allocated…, such scenario would have helped the alliance, but Congress thought the battle would be one-sided and it would win"

SANJAY RAUT
Shiv Sena (UBT) MP

Surprise verdict

The mandate from Haryana and Jammu & Kashmir holds some hard lessons for pollsters and political parties alike. All the exit polls have gone horribly wrong in the case of Haryana where they predicted a landslide victory for the Congress. Instead, the BJP sprang a surprise and pulled off a third consecutive victory beating the anti-incumbency factor. In fact, the saffron party, aided by effective campaigning, smart caste arithmetic and the last-minute gambit of leadership change, bettered its 2019 performance, bagging 48 seats in the 90-member Assembly. In J&K too, most exit polls predicted a hung Assembly but a resurgent National Conference (NC) and its junior ally Congress are set to form the government with a comfortable majority in the 90-member House. Some of the big names in the business of poll prediction have egg on their faces as their projections have missed the mark. In the Lok Sabha elections held earlier this year, an overwhelming majority of the exit polls, including a clutch of leading agencies, predicted a massive win for the BJP on its own in tune with the party's "chaar sau paar" target. However, the results showed a much weakened BJP and a resurgent Opposition. Unlike the 2014 and 2019 polls, the saffron party failed to win a simple majority and ended up with 240 seats. As a result, the NDA 3.0 is now dependent on its allies — especially the Telugu Desam Party and the Janata Dal (United) — to provide a stable government.

> A familiar set of reasons has once again proved to be Cong's undoing: infighting, over-dependence on a single leader and overconfidence

For weeks, political circles had been abuzz that the BJP was facing a huge wave of anti-incumbency in Haryana and the Congress camp was so confident of victory that jockeying for chief minister's post had already started in the party. The final results came as a big blow to the grand old party which appears to have snatched defeat from the jaws of victory. It turns out that a familiar set of reasons has once again proved to be the party's undoing: bitter infighting, over-dependence on a single leader — Bhupinder Singh Hooda — and a single community — Jats — to deliver goods and, more importantly, overconfidence. The open rift between Hooda and Kumari Selja, the Dalit face of the party, and the latter's non-participation in the campaigning harmed the Congress' prospects. The BJP, on the other hand, worked quietly on a strategy involving counter-consolidation of non-Jats and OBCs and highlighting the development agenda. This helped the party beat anti-incumbency and scripted a historic hat-trick win. In J&K too, the party made significant gains in the Jammu region, improving its tally from the previous elections held a decade ago. At a time when a narrative was gaining ground that the BJP was on the decline nationwide, the latest election results have come as a big boost for the party and set the tone for the next round of Assembly polls in Maharashtra and Delhi.

Internet ban hurts poor

If govt wants to be seen as a credible global leader in digital efforts, it should immediately stop imposing such shutdowns

GEETARTHA PATHAK

No Network

BETWEEN 2012 AND 2017, 16,315 HOURS OF INTERNET SHUTDOWN IN INDIA COST THE ECONOMY APPROXIMATELY $3.04 BILLION

- In 2020, caused **$2.8 billion** of damage to the economy, hitting businesses, education and healthcare
- In 2021, India recorded **317.5 hours** of internet shutdown and **840 hours** of bandwidth throttling costing **$582.8 million**
- India has the highest number of internet shutdowns in the world, with **771 shutdowns** imposed between **2016 and 2023**
- **In 2018,** out of **196** documented internet shutdowns globally, India accounted for **134**

SOURCES: Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations, Access Now

India imposes more internet shutdowns than many countries of the world, and this is extremely detrimental to civil liberties as well as the economy of the country. However, most shutdowns are not reviewed by courts because in several cases the aggrieved parties are unable to reach courts in time, and consequently the internet shutdown orders expire.

Jammu & Kashmir witnessed the longest internet shutdown of over 550 days since the evening of 4 August 2019, when Article 370 was abrogated. The State was bifurcated into the union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh. A preventive shutdown was imposed in the State which is yet to be lifted entirely. In Manipur, a statewide shutdown was enforced after violence broke out following communal clashes. The internet shutdown in Manipur is the second longest in the country as seen so far and it is also the longest lockdown in 2023.

Manipur has been under internet shutdown for more than 250 days. While broadband services were generally allowed, more than 96% of the population did not have access to the internet as less than 4% of the population in the country has access to broadband services. The government in its attempt to justify mass internet shutdown, expressed that the shutdowns are put in place "to thwart the design and activities of anti-national and anti-social elements and to maintain peace and communal harmony."

Weapon of Control

Governments, armies and many other authorities are increasingly resorting to internet shutdowns as a weapon of control during national crises, protests, school and recruitment examinations, communal riots, elections and the latest — national disasters. While these are all marked as prominent triggers, now conflicts have emerged for the first time as the leading driver of internet shutdown.

Freedom House's 'Freedom on the Net 2023' report gives India a Freedom on the Net status of "Partly Free" with a rating of 50 (0-100, higher is better), from 41 in 2017. Its Obstacles to Access was rated 13 (0-25 scale), Limits on Content was 20 (0-32 scale) and Violations of User Rights was 17 (0-40 scale).

Internet shutdowns have often helped the government throttle dissent, critical voices and mass public gatherings. After growing discontentment among the public for a prolong internet shutdown, the High Court of Manipur intervened and through its order dated July 7, 2023, directed the State government to restore the internet in a limited fashion — through broadband connections while keeping certain safeguards in place. The order further directed the State government to conduct a survey and whitelist select new mobile numbers to restore communication services. On December 3, Manipur came out of complete internet darkness, putting an end to the longest internet shutdown to take place in 2023.

However, the Manipur government again suspended internet and mobile data services in five districts — Imphal East, Imphal West, Thoubal, Bishnupur and Kakching, for five days from September 10 to September 25. The development came amid rising tensions and ongoing student protests in the State.

Shutdown during Exams

The Assam government issued orders directing the suspension of internet services in several districts of the State on August 21 and 28, 2022, and September 15 and 28, 2024, to prevent cheating during governmental recruitment examinations.

Suspension of internet services to stop cheating in examinations is not mandated by the existing laws. Section 5(2) of the Telegraph Act, 1885, permits an internet ban only on the occurrence of a public emergency or in the interest of public safety. The Supreme Court in the Anuradha Bhasin case had held that 'public emergency' is such a situation which involves 'widespread risk of injury to public' and the expression 'public safety' means a state of danger or risk for the people at large. Cheating in exams does not fall under the meaning of these explanations. On the other hand, the Calcutta High Court in *Ashlesh Biradar v State of West Bengal* stayed the internet suspension order issued by the Government of West Bengal to prevent cheating in examinations as it did not comply with Section 5(2) of the Telegraph Act, 1885.

> Ironically, the Centre talks about a digital world and a trillion-dollar economy even as it relentlessly bans internet impacting millions of vulnerable people

Moreover, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Communication and Information Technology in its 26th report titled 'Suspension of Telecom Services/Internet and its Impact' observed that cheating in exams does not amount to large-scale public safety concerns or public emergencies and that "suspension rules have been grossly misused leading to huge economic loss and causing untold suffering to the public, as well as severe reputational damage to the country."

In 2019, the Kerala High Court also ruled that the right to internet access is a fundamental right that is part of the right to privacy and education under Article 21 of the Constitution. The court ruled that the restrictions violated student's right to education and privacy.

The #NoExamShutdown is a new campaign dedicated to combating this rights-violating practice and advocating for free and open internet access for all. The initiators of the campaign Access Now, the Internet Society (ISOC) and SMEX vow to continue building efforts for the #NoExamShutdown campaign to ensure that people and communities have uninterrupted access to online resources essential for their daily activities and livelihood.

Human Rights

Even though these shutdowns blatantly violate human rights enshrined in national, regional and international frameworks, governments deliberately imposed shutdowns to advance their political agenda. Authorities continued to give insufficient or ill-defined reasons for imposing shutdowns, such as national security concerns, public safety or to prevent the spread of misinformation and hate speech. In majority of cases, the government took no responsibility and offered no explanation.

The government of India under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has repeatedly professed a commitment to Digital India. Ironically, the central government proudly talks about a digital world and a trillion-dollar economy even as it relentlessly bans the internet impacting millions of vulnerable people of the country. If the government wishes to be credible in its efforts to be recognised as a global digitisation leader, it should immediately stop imposing internet shutdowns in the world's largest democracy.

(The author is a senior journalist from Assam)

Letters to the Editor

Exit polls

Exit polls are becoming unreliable and are piling up with more misses than hits. The exit poll results for the Haryana Assembly elections, which predicted a clean sweep for the Congress, unexpectedly swung the exact opposite way. In Jammu & Kashmir, most exit polls predicted a hung Assembly, but the actual result shows a decisive win for the Congress-National Conference alliance. It is not the first time that exit polls proved to be erroneous. If psephology is a science and uses scientifically designed statistical tools, then exit polls should never go wrong. But the big question is, why do exit polls go wrong in India? Pollsters are predicting without any accountability.

KV CHANDRAMOULI,
Mysuru

Role of women

It is only a tiny fraction of women who are financially independent and can challenge the status quo of male domination in the country. They are often chastised and demeaned for being a bad influence on other women in Indian society. A female child is usually regarded as a burden to the parents who will wait for around 20 years to hand over the burden to another man. The fascination for a male child will last as long as women are treated as second-class individuals.

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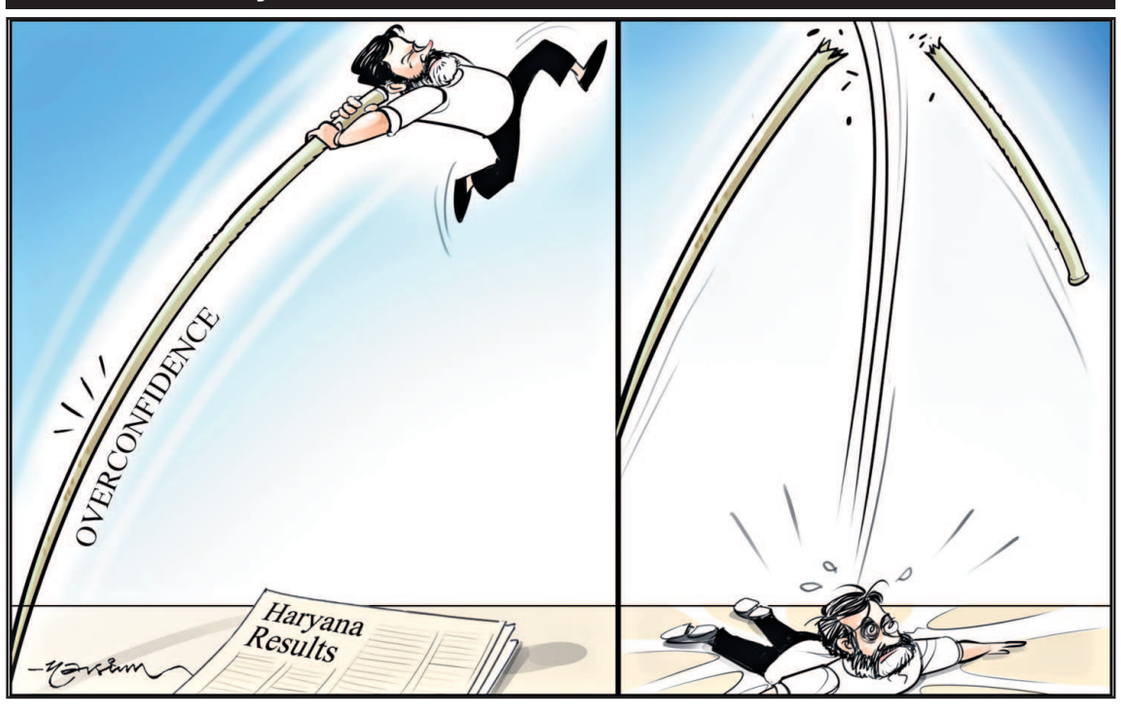

India in the hotspot

■ The Washington Post

Identity in presidential elections?

Ever since Kamala Harris replaced Joe Biden as presidential nominee, I've been curious about the role Indian American voters could play. Would their pride in the vice president's heritage drive them to the polls?

■ Newsweek

Safety warning over Shiva temple

Authorities have issued a safety warning to travelers hoping to visit the highest Shiva temple in the world. The Tungnath Temple, in Uttarakhand, has been damaged by extensive exposure to water, accelerated by monsoons.

■ Asia Times

Debt forces Maldives to pivot back...

The Maldives is battling an escalating debt crisis and attempting a delicate balancing act between its two largest creditors: India and China. Maldives president met Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi on October 7.

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Dozens killed in Gaza

Residents fear Israel's aim is to depopulate north, turn it into closed military zone

Mourners pray over the body of a Palestinian child, killed in the Israeli bombardment of the Gaza Strip, outside a hospital morgue in Deir al-Balah on Wednesday. — Photo: AP

PTI
DEIR AL-BALAH

A large-scale Israeli operation in northern Gaza has killed dozens of people and threatens to shut down three hospitals over a year into the war with Hamas, Palestinian officials and residents said on Wednesday.

Heavy fighting is under way in Jabaliya, where Israeli forces have carried out several major operations over the course of the war and then returned as militants regroup. The entire north, including Gaza City, has suffered heavy destruction and has been largely isolated by Israeli forces since late last year. The continuing cycle of destruction and death in Gaza, unleashed by Hamas' Oct. 7, 2023, attack on southern Israel, comes as Israel expands a weeklong ground offensive against Hezbollah in Lebanon and considers a major retaliatory strike on Iran. A rocket fired from Lebanon killed two people in the northern Israeli town of Kiryat Shmona, and another six people were wounded in a series of stabbings in the city of Hadera on Wednesday, which Israeli police described as a militant attack.

The police said the attacker was "neutralised," indicating he was killed. Residents of Jabaliya, a refugee camp dating back to the 1948 war surrounding Israel's creation, said thousands of people have been trapped in their homes since the operation began on Sunday, as Israeli jets and drones buzz overhead and troops battle militants in the streets. Gaza's Health Ministry said it recovered 40 bodies from Jabaliya from Sunday until Tuesday, and another 14 from communities farther north. There are likely more bodies under rubble and in areas that can't be accessed, it said. An airstrike in Jabaliya early on Wednesday killed at least nine people, including two women and two children, according to Al-Ahly Hospital, which received the bodies. Strikes in central Gaza killed another nine people, including three children, according to Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital in Deir al-Balah.

Residents of Jabaliya fear Israel's aim is to depopulate the north and turn it into a closed military zone or a Jewish settlement. Israel has blocked all roads except for the main highway leading from Jabaliya to the south, according to residents. The UN agency for Palestinian refugees said it was evacuating seven schools that were being used as shelters.

Iraqi militant group launches four drone attacks on Israel

BAGHDAD: The Islamic Resistance in Iraq, a Shiite militia group, claimed responsibility on Wednesday for four drone attacks on four "vital" sites in Israel. In an online statement, the group said it had launched two drone strikes on targets in northern and southern Israel, with two additional attacks aimed at locations in the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights, reports Xinhua news agency. The group said the assaults were carried out "in solidarity with the people of Palestine and Lebanon" and vowed to continue striking "the enemy's strongholds". The statement did not specify the exact locations of the targeted sites, nor did it mention any casualties. IANS

Bibi confirms Hezbollah leader's death

JERUSALEM: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has said Israel has killed "thousands" of Hezbollah members, including Hashem Safieddine, the expected successor to the group's slain leader Hassan Nasrallah. The statement was made in a video message to the people of Lebanon, released by Netanyahu's office, in which he urged them to "liberate" Lebanon from Hezbollah, accusing the group of causing the ongoing financial crisis. Ge emphasised Israel's determination to continue its fight against Hezbollah IANS

7 civilians killed in strike on Damascus

DAMASCUS: An Israeli airstrike targeted a residential building in the densely populated Mazzeh neighbourhood of Damascus on Tuesday night, killing seven civilians, including women and children, and injuring 11 others, according to a statement by the Syrian Defence Ministry. The attack, which occurred at approximately 8.15 pm local time, involved three missiles launched from the direction of Golan Heights. IANS

6 stabbed in northern Israel

TEL AVIV: At least six people were stabbed and wounded in northern Israel in what police say was a militant attack. The assailant stabbed people in multiple locations in Hadera on Wednesday before fleeing. AP

3 get chemistry Nobel for work on proteins

STOCKHOLM

The Nobel Prize in chemistry was awarded on Wednesday to three scientists for their breakthrough work predicting and even designing the structure of proteins, the building blocks of life.

The prize was awarded to David Baker, who works at the University of Washington in Seattle, and Demis Hassabis and John Jumper, who both work at Google DeepMind, a British-American artificial intelligence research laboratory based in London.

Heiner Linke, Chair of the Nobel Committee for Chemistry, said the award honoured research that made connections between amino acid sequence and protein structure. "That was actually called a grand challenge in chemistry, and in particular in biochemistry, for decades. So, it's that breakthrough that gets awarded today," he said.

Baker designed a new protein in 2003 and his research group has since produced one imaginative protein creation after another, including proteins that can be used as pharmaceuticals, vaccines, nanomaterials and tiny sensors, the Nobel committee said. "The number of designs that they have produced and published, and the variety, is absolutely mind blowing. It seems that you can almost construct any type of protein now with this technology," said Professor Johan Åqvist of the Nobel committee.

DAVID BAKER
DEMIS HASSABIS
JOHN JUMPER

Hassabis and Jumper created an artificial intelligence model that has been able to predict the structure of virtually all the 200 million proteins that researchers have identified, the committee added. "Proteins are the molecules that enable life. Proteins are building blocks that form bones, skin, hair and tissue," Linke said. "To understand how life works, we first need to understand the shape of proteins." Linke said scientists had therefore long dreamt of predicting the three-dimensional structure of proteins. "Four years ago, in 2020, Demis Hassabis and John Jumper managed to crack the code. With skillful use of artificial intelligence, they made it possible to predict the complex structure of essentially any known protein in nature," Linke said. "Another dream of scientists has been to build new proteins, to learn how to use nature's multitool for our own purposes. This is the problem that David Baker solved," he added. "He developed computational tools that now enable scientists to design spectacular new proteins with entirely novel shapes and functions, opening endless possibilities for the greatest benefit to humankind."

Baker said Hassabis and John Jumper's artificial intelligence work gave his team a huge boost. "The breakthroughs made by Demis and John on protein structure prediction highlighted the power that AI could have. And that led us to apply these AI methods to protein design,"he said. AP

Japan snap polls on Oct 27, lower house dissolved

TOKYO

New Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba dissolved the lower house of parliament pm Wednesday to set up an October 27 snap election, asking people to trust the governing party's policies even as critics said the vote comes far too soon.

Ishiba took office last week as Fumio Kishida resigned after leading the governing Liberal Democratic Party for three years while it was dogged by corruption scandals. With the early election, Ishiba seeks to secure a majority in the lower house, the more powerful of the two chambers, for his governing party before the congratulatory mood fades.

The move has been criticised as prioritising an election rather than policies and for allowing little debate. But Japan's Opposition has remained too fractured to push the governing party out of power, which it has held almost without interruption in postwar times. Ishiba announced his plans for an election even before he won the party leadership vote and became prime minister. His Cabinet formally announced the election date and said campaigning starts next Tuesday.

At a news conference on Wednesday, Ishiba pledged to squarely face the voters to gain understanding and regain their trust.

"Without the people's understanding and empathy, politics will not move forward," Ishiba said. The Prime Minister, who will fly to Laos on Thursday to make his diplomatic debut at the Association of Southeast Asian Nations summit, also reiterated that he will balance diplomacy and defense to contribute to peace and stability in the region.

The first public support ratings for Ishiba as Prime Minister were only 50 per cent or lower, the lowest for a new leader, according to Japanese media. AP

'PTI protests caused huge damage'

ISLAMABAD

Protests by jailed former Prime Minister Imran Khan's party over the weekend in the national capital caused damages worth Rs 240 million to private and public property, a media report said on Wednesday. The damage assessment was mentioned in a report that the Islamabad Inspector General's office submitted to the Islamabad chief commissioner. PTI

N Korea to block border with South

SEOUL

North Korea said on Wednesday it will permanently block its border with South Korea and build frontline defence structures to cope with "confrontational hysteria" by South Korean and US forces, while not announcing an expected constitutional revision to formally designate South Korea its principal enemy and codify new national borders. While the moves were likely a pressure tactic, it's unclear how they will affect ties with South Korea since cross-border travel and exchanges have been halted for years. North Korea's military said it will "completely cut off roads and railways" linked to South Korea and "fortify the relevant areas of our side with strong defence structures," according to KCNA.

The North's military called its steps a "self-defensive measure for inhibiting war and defending the security" of North Korea. It said that "the hostile forces are getting ever more reckless in their confrontational hysteria." It cited what it called various war exercises in South Korea, the deployment of US strategic assets and its rivals' harsh rhetoric.

South Korea's military said it won't tolerate any attempt to change the status quo. It will "overwhelmingly punish" North if it launches provocations. AP

Drone smashes key Russian arms depot

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy poses with schoolchildren in Dubrovnik, Croatia, on Wednesday. — Photo: AP

KYIV

A Ukrainian drone struck an important arms depot inside Russia, the Ukraine military said on Wednesday, three weeks after another drone blasted a major Russian armoury and three days after a drone smashed into a key oil terminal in Crimea.

The Tuesday night strike targeted an arsenal in Russia's Bryansk border region where missiles and artillery munitions were stored, including some that had been delivered by North Korea, a Ukrainian General Staff statement said.

Hugely powerful glide bombs that have terrorised civilian areas of Ukraine and bludgeoned Ukrainian army defences were also kept at the arsenal, located 115 km from the Ukrainian border, and some of the ammunition was stored in the open, it said. AP

Time to evacuate running out as Hurricane Milton churns towards Florida

TAMPA

Hurricane Milton churned on Wednesday towards a potentially catastrophic collision along the west coast of Florida, where some residents insisted they would stay after millions were ordered to evacuate and officials warned that stragglers would face grim odds of surviving.

The Tampa Bay area, home to more than 3.3 million people, faced the possibility of widespread destruction after avoiding direct hits from major hurricanes for more than a century. The National Hurricane Center predicted Milton, a Category 5 hurricane during much of its approach, would likely weaken but remain a major hurricane when it makes landfall late Wednesday or early Thursday. "Milton has the potential to be one of the most destructive hurricanes on record for west-central Florida," the center warned.

Milton was centered about 485 km southwest of Tampa early on Wednesday with maximum sustained winds of 260 kph, the hurricane center reported. It was moving northeast at 22 kph early on Wednesday and was expected to continue moving in that direction with an increase in its forward speed through Wednesday night, with landfall expected late Wednesday or early Thursday morning. It was expected to turn toward the east-northeast and east on Thursday and Friday.

Heavy rain was beginning to spread across parts of southwestern and west-central Florida ahead of Milton early Wednesday, and weather conditions were expected to deteriorate across parts of the Florida Gulf Coast throughout the day, the center said. Six to 12 inches of rain, with localised totals up to 18 inches, were expected across central to northern portions of Florida through Thursday, bringing the risk of catastrophic and life-threatening flash and urban flooding, and moderate to major river flooding. Several tornadoes were likely Wednesday across parts of central and southern Florida. Forecasters predicted the storm will retain hurricane strength as it crosses central Florida on Thursday on a path east toward the Atlantic Ocean. The hurricane's precise track remained uncertain, as forecasters Tuesday evening nudged its projected path slightly south of Tampa. AP

In Brief

KHARTOUM

20 killed in Sudan

At least 20 people were killed and three others injured in an attack by the paramilitary RSF on a village in North Kordofan State in western Sudan, the non-governmental Sudanese Doctors Network said. Additionally, the US sanctioned a senior RSF leader for "leading efforts" to supply weapons for the 17-month-long war, which has killed more than 20,000 people in the country. AGENCIES

LAHORE

2 Hindus abducted

Two Hindu traders in Pakistan were abducted by gangsters who demanded the release of their accomplices from police custody in exchange for the safe release of the businessmen. The incident occurred in Rahim Yar Khan. "Shameer Jee and Dheema Jee were abducted by dacoits of Katcha on Friday. They demanded the release of their accomplices for their release," police said. PTI

ABUJA

Nine killed in Nigeria

At least nine provincial security operatives keeping guard in a local community were recently killed in an ambush by a group of gunmen in Nigeria's State of Zamfara. Dauda Lawal, governor of Zamfara, said the civil guards operating under the State's Community Protection Guards scheme were gunned down by the gunmen who laid an ambush for them at a security checkpoint. IANS

RIO DE JANEIRO

Brazil lifts ban on X

Brazil's Supreme Court has authorised the social media platform X to resume operations in the country after being banned for over a month due to non-compliance with court rulings. Judge Alexandre de Moraes lifted the ban after X paid approximately 28.6 million reals (around $5.17 million) in fines to the Brazilian government, Xinhua news agency reported. IANS

India humble Lanka

Smriti, Harmanpreet star in side's 82-run victory in T20 WC

PTI
DUBAI

The seasoned duo of Smriti Mandhana and Harmanpreet Kaur was back to its sizzling best as India gave a massive boost to their net run rate with an 82-run hammering of Sri Lanka in the Women's T20 World Cup here on Wednesday.

The 98-run stand between Shafali Verma (43 off 40) and Smriti (50 off 38) set the tone for the innings after India opted to bat at the Dubai International Stadium. Harmanpreet (52 not out off 27) then got welcome runs in the death overs to push India past 170, the highest total of the competition thus far.

Sri Lanka, who had got the better of India in the Asia Cup, could never really get going in the run chase and were all out for 90 in 19.5 overs. It was Sri Lanka's third loss in as many games, effectively putting them out of the semifinals race.

With their second win in three games, India remain in the hunt for a last-four spot from Group A. The loss to New Zealand had put a severe dent to India's net run rate and they needed a big win to make amends, something they managed on Wednesday.

It was also India's biggest margin of victory in the tournament history, pushing their run rate to positive from negative. India's last group game is against the mighty Australia. Pacer Renuka Singh Thakur struck on the very first ball of the innings with substitute Radha Yadav taking a stunning catch to get rid of Vishmi Gunaratne.

Sri Lanka skipper Chamari Athapattu was the next one to depart as Shreyanka Patil had her caught at first slip for a classical off-spinner's dismissal. Sri Lanka were reduced to six for three when Harshitha Samrawickrama went for a flashy drive against Renuka but ended up nicking it to the wicket-keeper.

India's Smriti Mandhana plays a shot against Sri Lanka during their World Cup clash in Dubai.

Scorecard

INDIA
Shafali Verma c Gunaratne b Athapaththu 43 (40b, 4x4), Smriti Mandhana run out (Kanchana/Athapaththu) 50 (38b, 4x4, 1x6), Harmanpreet Kaur (c) no 52 (27b, 8x4, 1x6), Jemimah Rodrigues c Prabodhani b Kanchana 16 (10b, 2x4), Richa Ghosh †no 6 (6b); **Extras:** (nb 1, w 4) **5; Total:** (For 3 wkts in 20 overs) **172; Fall of wickets:** 1-98, 2-98, 3-128; **Bowling:** Inoshi Priyadharshani 2-0-11-0, Sugandika Kumari 3-0-29-0, Udeshika Prabodhani 3-0-32-0, Kavisha Dilhari 2-0-11-0, Inoka Ranaweera 3-0-26-0, Chamari Athapaththu 4-0-34-1, Ama Kanchana 3-0-29-1

SRI LANKA
Vishmi Gunaratne c sub (RP Yadav) b Renuka Singh 0 (2b), Chamari Athapaththu (c) c Sharma b Patil 1 (3b), Harshitha Samarawickrama c †Ghosh b Renuka Singh 3 (7b), Kavisha Dilhari c Renuka Singh b Reddy 21 (22b, 1x4), Anushka Sanjeewani †st †Ghosh b Sobhana 20 (22b, 2x4), Nilakshika Silva c Shafali Verma b Reddy 8 (13b, 1x4), Ama Kanchana c sub (RP Yadav) b Reddy 19 (22b, 2x4), Sugandika Kumari c †Ghosh b Sobhana 1 (4b), Inoshi Priyadharshani c sub (RP Yadav) b Sobhana 1 (2b), Udeshika Prabodhani c Mandhana b Sharma 9 (17b), Inoka Ranaweera no 2 (5b), **Extras:** (lb 5) **5; Total:** (All out in 19.5 overs) **90; Fall of wickets:** 1-0, 2-4, 3-6, 4-43, 5-57, 6-58, 7-61, 8-65, 9-86, 10-90; **Bowling:** Renuka Singh 4-0-16-2, Shreyanka Patil 4-0-15-1, Deepti Sharma 3.5-0-16-1, Arundhati Reddy 4-0-19-3, Asha Sobhana 4-0-19-3

South Africa steamroll Scotland

DUBAI: South Africa dominated Scotland in all departments of the game to register a commanding 80-run win in a Women's T20 World Cup match here on Wednesday.
BRIEF SCORES: South Africa 166/5 in 20 overs (Tazmin Brits 43, Marizanne Kapp 43) bt Scotland 86 in 17.5 overs (Nonkululeko Mlaba 3/12, Chloe Tryon 2/22, Nadine de Klerk 2/15). PTI

Root, Brook tons guide England to 492/3

Joe becomes team's leading run-scorer in Tests

MULTAN

Joe Root celebrated his record-breaking day with a resolute 35th century as England cruised to 492-3 on Day 3 of the first cricket test against Pakistan on Wednesday.

Root overtook Alastair Cook as England's top run-scorer in tests to make an unbeaten 176 and his Yorkshire teammate Harry Brook compiled a spectacular 141 not out off 173 balls on a placid pitch of Multan Cricket Stadium.

The two have combined for a 243-run partnership, hitting 24 boundaries between them, and made Pakistan bowlers toil hard on a benign wicket that hasn't deteriorated over the last three days. England now trails Pakistan by 64 runs through its usual "Bazball" aggressive batting in 3 1/2 sessions, in comparison to the home team's score of 556 over 5 1/2 sessions.

Root overcame cramps in intense hot weather to bat the entire day after resuming on 32. He also featured in two other century stands with Ben Duckett (84) and Zak Crawley (78), who were the only wickets to fall in the first two sessions. Brook followed his 108 at the same venue two years ago, with another belligerent century as Pakistan couldn't separate the pair even after taking the second new ball.

Naseem Shah (1-87) and Shaheen Shah Afridi (1-88) were ineffective after hardly finding any reverse swing for with the old ball. Leg-spinner Abrar Ahmed also couldn't find any turn of the hard surface, which had some cracks, as England plundered the leggy for 0-174 off his 35 wicketless overs.

Brook had a lucky escape on 75 in an otherwise flawless knock when Aamer Jamal's short ball gently rolled back to the stumps but didn't dislodge them after ricocheting off the batter's chest. Root survived two leg-before-wicket reviews in a patient knock of 277 balls. Naseem was mighty close to getting the England star batter lbw on 168 and Jamal went for an unsuccessful television referral before Root had surpassed Cook's run-tally of 12,472 in the first session.

Root crossed Cook's tally with a straight-driven boundary before lunch off Jamal to reach 71 and then completed his first test century in Pakistan with a reverse sweep after the break. Brook was aggressive from the onset and didn't hesitate to loft Abrar for a straight six as he raised his sixth test century - and fourth against Pakistan - off 118 balls with Pakistan captain Shan Masood running out of ideas to break the partnership. Both batters didn't give Pakistan any chance with the second new ball, taken in the latter half of the final session, as England scored at a brisk pace of 4.87 an over in a dominant day for the visitors.

Earlier, Duckett recovered from a thumb injury which denied him opening England's first innings on Tuesday afternoon and smashed 84 off 75 balls before he was pinned lbw by Jamal when he came round the wicket to the left-hander in the second session.

England lost the wicket of Crawley inside the first half hour when he chipped a catch of Afridi after adding 14 runs to his overnight score of 64.

BRIEF SCORES: Pakistan Pakistan 556 in 149 overs vs England 492/3 in 101 overs (Joe Root 176, Harry Brook 141, Ben Duckett 84, Zak Crawley 78). AP

England's Joe Root (left) and Harry Brook during the third day of the first test against Pakistan in Multan, on Wednesday. — Photo: AP

Anmoljeet helps India U-19 sweep series

CHENNAI

Debutant off-spinner Anmoljeet Singh and leg-spinner Mohamed Enaan picked 16 out of 20 Australian wickets as India U-19 comfortably won by an innings and 120 runs in the second Youth Test to complete a 2-0 series sweep here on Wednesday.

Australia Colts lost as many as 17 wickets on the third day after commencing on their overnight score of 142 for 3 in reply to India's massive first-innings total of 492. The visitors were all out for 277 in their first essay with skipper Oliver Peake (117 off 143 balls) and keeper Alex Lee Young (66) adding 166 for the fourth wicket. After Lee Young was dismissed, the last six wickets fell for 59 runs. Enaan (4/60 in 22.2 overs), who had once attended Saqlain Mushtaq's clinic in Dubai, and Ludhiana's Anmoljeet (4/72 in 24 overs), who hero worships Harbhajan Singh, were the wreckers-in-chief. In four-day cricket, the follow-on can be enforced if the team batting second is trailing by more than 150 runs. India U-19 had a lead of 115 runs.

After being enforced to follow-on, Anmoljeet came back to get 5 for 32 in 13.3 overs as Australia were skittled out for 95 in 31.3 overs.
BRIEF SCORES: India U19 492 bt Australia U19 277 in 80.2 overs (Oliver Peake 117; Mohammed Enaan 4/60, Anmoljeet Singh 4/72) & 95 in 31.3 overs (Steven Hogan 29; Anmoljeet Singh 5/32). PTI

Williamson to miss start of Test series against India

AUCKLAND

Senior batter Kane Williamson is set to miss the initial part of the upcoming three-Test series in India starting on October 16 due to groin strain, with New Zealand naming Mark Chapman as his cover in the 17-man squad here on Wednesday.

Williamson, who is dealing with a groin strain, will delay his departure to India where New Zealand will play three Tests at Bengaluru, Pune and Mumbai. While senior batting all-rounder Michael Bracewell has been roped in only for the first Test in Bengaluru, spinner Ish Sodhi will be available only for the second and third Tests. Tom Latham will be leading the Kiwis after Tim Southee stepped aside from the leadership role a few days ago.

"Williamson experienced groin discomfort during the second Test against Sri Lanka in Galle and will require a period of rehabilitation before joining the Blackcaps Test squad in India," New Zealand Cricket said on their website. New Zealand selector Sam Wells said the decision to delay Williamson's departure to India was to give the former skipper more time to rest.

"The advice we've received is that the best course of action is for Kane to rest and rehabilitate now rather than risk aggravating the injury," said Wells. Chapman averages above 42 in first-class cricket in 44 matches but is yet to make his Test debut.

SQUAD: Tom Latham (C), Tom Blundell (WK), Michael Bracewell (1st Test only), Mark Chapman, Devon Conway, Matt Henry, Daryl Mitchell, Will O'Rourke, Ajaz Patel, Glenn Phillips, Rachin Ravindra, Mitchell Santner, Ben Sears, Ish Sodhi (2nd & 3rd Test only), Tim Southee, Kane Williamson, Will Young. PTI

Kane Williamson

Arshdeep breaks into top 10 in T20 rankings

DUBAI

Riding on a string of impressive performances, Indian seamer Arshdeep Singh entered the top 10 among bowlers and was placed eighth in the ICC T20I rankings issued here on Wednesday.

The left-arm seamer, who returned 3/14 in the opening T20I against Bangladesh in Gwalior last Sunday, jumped eight spots with 642 rating points to reach the eighth position. He is the only Indian bowler in the top 10. England's Adil Rashid continues as the top-ranked bowler in the shortest format followed by Akeal Hossain of the West Indies and Afghanistan's Rashid Khan at the second and third spots respectively.

"Arshdeep is also a big winner in the latest rankings update, with the left-arm pacer rising eight places to equal eighth on the updated list for T20I bowlers and reaching a new career-high rating following his three-wicket haul against Bangladesh," the ICC said on its website.

Hardik Pandya, who blasted a 16-ball 39 with five fours and two sixes, moved up seven places to reach the 60th spot among batters. The ace Indian all-rounder also returned 4-0-26-1 and moved to the third spot as he rose four positions in the list of top all-rounders, which is headed by England's Liam Livingstone with Nepal's Dipendra Singh Airee at the second position. PTI

In Brief

STREAMING NOW
Cricket: Women's T20 WC, B'desh vs WI, 7.30 pm on Star Sports 1

RANCHI
Ishan Kishan to lead Jharkhand

India batter Ishan Kishan on Wednesday returned to the Jharkhand Ranji team as its captain. Jharkhand begin their Ranji Trophy campaign against Assam in Guwahati in Elite Group D. Squad: Ishan Kishan (c), Virat Singh (vc), Kumar Kushagra (wk), Nazim Siddique, Aryaman Sen, Sharandeep Singh, Kumar Suraj, Anukul Roy, Utkarsh Singh, Supriyo Chakraborty, Saurabh Shekhar, Vikas Kumar, Vivekanand Tiwary, Manishi, Ravi Kumar Yadav and Raunak Kumar.

NEW DELHI
National Games in Uttarakhand

The 38th edition of the National Games will be held in Uttarakhand from January 28 to February 14 next year, the Indian Olympic Association announced on Wednesday, saying that the schedule is subject to approval from its General Assembly later this month. "We are thrilled to bring the National Games to Uttarakhand, a state that has shown remarkable enthusiasm and commitment to hosting this prestigious event," IOA President PT Usha said.

NEW DELHI
HI ropes in PFC as title sponsor

Hockey India on Wednesday roped in Power Finance Corporation (PFC), a state-owned company that provides financial assistance to India's power sector, as the title sponsor for the upcoming two-match bilateral series against Germany on October 23 and 24 in New Delhi. This series marks the return of men's international hockey to the national capital after a decade. The last international match played at the Major Dhyan Chand Stadium was the Hero Hockey World League Final – men's round 4, back in January 2014.

LONDON
Mumba Masters stun leaders PBG

Mumba Masters delivered a shocking 9-10 defeat to tournament leaders PBG Alaskan Knights, disrupting their path to direct qualification for the finals of the Tech Mahindra Global Chess League here on Wednesday. The win revived Mumba's hopes of reaching the knock-out stage. The seventh day of the tournament saw PBG, face Mumba Masters, who had won only two out of seven matches so far.

Short takes

MOUNTAINEERING KATHMANDU

Nepal's Nima becomes youngest to scale 14 tallest peaks

Nepal's 18-year-old Nima Rinji Sherpa has become the youngest climber ever to scale each of the 14 tallest mountains (over 8,000 meters) in the world with his successful summit of Mt Shishapangma in China. Nima and his partner Pasang Nurbu Sherpa reached the summit of the Shishapangma, which stands at 8,027 meters above sea level, shortly after 6:00am (China Standard Time), which is 3.30am in IST, on Wednesday, the youngster announced.

CRICKET HOBART

Hobart Hurricanes sign Suzie as overseas replacement player

Hobart Hurricanes have signed senior New Zealand batter Suzie Bates to their Women's Big Bash League (WBBL 10) squad as an overseas replacement player for the back end of the tournament. Bates has featured in nine out of ten possible seasons, representing Adelaide Strikers, Sydney Sixers and Perth Scorchers, was not picked by any team in the WBBL draft. The Hurricanes drafted Danni Wyatt-Hodge and Chloe Tryon whilst retaining Lizelle Lee on their list.

FOOTBALL LONDON

Cole Palmer voted England men's player of the year

Cole Palmer has been named the 2023-24 England Men's Player of the Year. The Chelsea star was voted Three Lions' fans' standout male player ahead of Jude Bellingham and Bukayo Saka, who finished second and third, respectively. Palmer made his debut during a 2-0 win over Malta at Wembley in November 2023, claiming legacy number 1276. The 22-year-old has gone on to chalk up nine senior caps, which included five appearances at UEFA EURO 2024.

FOOTBALL PARIS

Tchouaméni to lead France against Israel in Nations League

Real Madrid midfielder Aurélien Tchouaméni will captain France in its Nations League game against Israel in the absence of Kylian Mbappé, the French soccer federation said on Wednesday. Tchouaméni has played 36 matches with France and will bring his exris, Oct perience to a team lacking its biggest star. Mbappé, France's usual captain, is nursing a minor thigh injury in Madrid. France is also without vice-captain Antoine Griezmann.

FOOTBALL LONDON

Jurgen Klopp to head global soccer at Red Bull

Jürgen Klopp is returning to soccer after a shorter than expected break. Red Bull announced that the German is to become its head of global soccer from January. "He will not be involved in the clubs' day-to-day operations, but will provide strategic vision, supporting individual sporting directors in advancing the Red Bull philosophy," the statement said. He will oversee a roster that includes Leipzig, Salzburg, New York Red Bulls, Bragantino and Omiya Ardija.

FORECAST
Partly cloudy sky in the morning hours becoming generally cloudy sky

Max. tem: 34.2°C
Min. tem: 24.0°C
RH: 73%
Rainfall: Nil

In Brief

HYDERABAD
Temporary withdrawal

Due to non-interlocking works at Prayagraj Rambagh station, the Secunderabad – Danapur (12791) and Danapur – Secunderabad (12792) services running between October 10 and 17 have temporarily withdrawn stoppage at Prayagraj Rambagh station. The Railway authorities, in a statement issued here, have requested the passengers to note the withdrawal during the mentioned period and plan their journeys accordingly.

HYDERABAD
Admissions open

Azim Premji University, Bengaluru, has opened admissions to Postgraduate Diploma in Education – Educational Assessment programme. The one-year part-time programme is a balanced mix of theory and practice in the domain of assessments. The last date to apply is November 20. For details, visit the link https://azimpremjiuniversity.edu.in/programmes/post-graduate-diploma-in-educational-assessment .

HYDERABAD
Deadline extended

The deadline to register for the Rashtriya Indian Military College, Dehradun, entrance examination July 2025 has been extended till October 10. The entrance test is scheduled for December 1, a notification from the Rashtriya Indian Military College said.

HYDERABAD
Certificates verification

Verification of certificates for recruitment to assistant engineering, municipal assistant engineering, technical officer and junior technical officer posts in various engineering departments will be held from October 22 to November 5, except on public holidays, at Telugu University in Nampally. Candidates shortlisted for certificate verification available on TGPSC website https://www.tspsc.gov.in/.

'Ghazals evolving to suit changing times'

Singer Sahil Khan's candid take on classical music, patronage

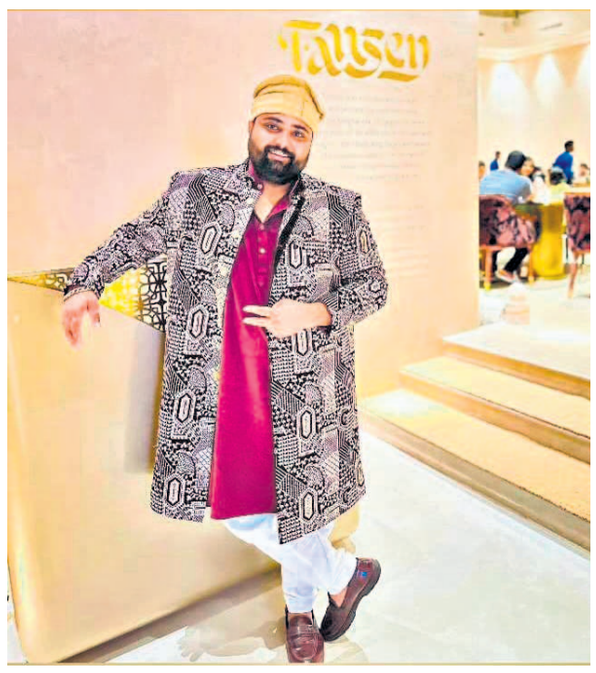
T LALITH SINGH
HYDERABAD

Indian music is truly timeless. Thoroughly grounded in the classical traditions of music, a young Sahil Khan doesn't mince words to argue that nothing could eclipse the culture and heritage of Indian music.

"It could appear to be getting overshadowed at times, but so rich and reverential is our music that no influence can keep it under a shadow for long," says Sahil, who, these days, is weaving magic with his sonorous Ghazal renditions at the Tansen restaurant in the city.

Hailing from Jaipur in Rajasthan, Sahil is a third-generation musician following in the footsteps of his maternal grandfather, Ustad Ikram Hussain Khan, and paternal grandfather, Ustad Ramzan Khan, who were exponents of classical and folk music.

It was from his father Shabbir Khan that Sahil started picking up the ropes. "I got into music at a very young age of 7 years and was taught by my father. I started to acquire knowledge of sitar, tabla, and vocal, and kept gaining a foothold in the world of music," he recalls.



Hailing from Jaipur, Sahil Khan performs live Sufi music at Ohri Group's 'Tansen' restaurant in Hyderabad.

He fine-tuned his learning at Rajasthan Sangeet Sansthan and gained more experience in vocal and sitar. "Indian classical music is a deep ocean and there is so much to study. My learning still continues," says the singer who started performing at the age of 13 years.

In a musical career spanning almost 18 years, Sahil Khan had performances in different parts and on special occasions. "I performed for several guests of States and was honoured to perform for former US President, Bill Clinton, during his visit to Jaipur and also former President of Gabon, Ali Bongo," he says.

Once very popular, both for a connoisseur and a common man, is Ghazal gayaki lost in the din in the invasion of other musical forms in recent times?

"It might appear so. Yes, indeed, the patronage for Ghazal appeared to be shadowed. It happened earlier, but Ghazal has bounced back. The beauty of it is such that nothing can eclipse for long," he says.

In fact, Sahil seeks to explain, Ghazals have been evolving over the decades to suit the changing milieu while not losing their true essence. Different artistes — whether it be Talat Mahmood or Pankaj Udhas, have contributed differently. He says, "It's like a bouquet of flowers with different fragrances."

'Hyderabad is Royal'

Here in Hyderabad, he performs live Sufi music at Ohri Group's ''Tansen', a beautifully conceived luxurious essence of Mughal era and the culinary legacy of the North-Western Frontier. "It's a blessing to be performing at a restaurant named after the musical virtuoso and this kind of ambience," he says. Hyderabad is a great patron of classical music, says Sahil, adding, "Sufi music is also very popular and I feel happy to receive so many requests during my performance. The city indeed is Royal even in its choice of music."

Bathukamma, flavour of the season in Michigan

FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN

Over 600 Telugu families, dressed in their best, took part in the Bathukamma and Dasara celebrations hosted by The Global Telangana Association (GTA) at 'The Studio' in Farmington Hills, Michigan.

Families clad in traditional and colorful attire gathered to pray Goddess Gowri, embodying the spirit of Bathukamma. Women danced in rhythm around intricately arranged flower mounds, recreating the festive atmosphere of Telangana. Sumptuous authentic Telangana delicacies appealed to the taste buds of the festive crowd that gathered at the venue.

The event was sponsored by Manzil Designs, Hari Kakumanu and Yadagiri Ileni, both from Community Choice Realty Associates, Somireddy Law Group, Ensure (Sai Leela), Softcorp IT, Tabla Restaurant, Delight Consulting Services and VKTEK Inc besides generous contributions from the community members.

Women taking part in Bathukamma celebrations organised by The Global Telangana Association in Michigan.

"GTA's Bathukamma celebration brought back memories of our childhood in Telangana. The energy and enthusiasm were palpable," said an attendee Trilochana.

"The event was a wonderful opportunity for our children to connect with their cultural roots," added another attendee, Kudikala Jayasagar.

The organizing committee headed by GTA National President, Praveen Kesireddy and the Board of Trustees, Detroit City Chapter team under the leadership of its President, Kamal Pinnamreddy, President-Elect, Venkat Vadnala and GTA-Vanitha team, under the stewardship of Swapna Chintapally, Sushma Padukone, Suma Kalvala and Deepti Chithrapu, were actively involved in making the event a stupendous success.

Roots Collegium graduation

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

Roots Collegium has recently celebrated its graduation day in a grand ceremony that marked not just the academic accomplishments of its students but also the institution's 33 years of excellence in education. A total of 400 students received degrees in various disciplines, including BBA, BCom, BA, BSc, fashion design, interior design, animation, and hotel management during the event held here.

Congratulating the graduating students, MP Vaddiraju Ravichandra urged them to navigate their professional journeys with integrity, resilience, and innovation. Income Tax Commissioner Battula Balakrishna highlighted the importance of adaptability in the ever-changing global economy. He urged students to take on leadership roles.

TT-NT's Dasara lucky draw held at Harsha Toyota

Lucky draw of TT, NT Dasara Shopping Bonanza was held at Harsha Toyota showroom in Kondapur on Wednesday.

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

The eighth lucky draw as part of 'Telangana Today' and 'Namasthe Telangana' Dasara Shopping Bonanza was held at Harsha Toyota showroom in Kondapur here on Wednesday, adding more festive cheer to shoppers.

In the draw, Ramana won a 32-inch TV as first prize, while Ramya Sree got a smartphone as second prize and Yashas Raju won a gift voucher as third prize.

The lucky draw was held by 'Namasthe Telangana' and 'Telangana Today' advertising department general manager N Surender Rao, manager Charan Anand, deputy AGM Rajireddy, along with Harsha Toyota Group CEO TS Prakartic, vice-president (sales) Prashanth Pamulaparthi and marketing head Suman Banerjee.

Prakartic said Harsha Toyota launched double dhamaka for its customers for Dasara. Along with prizes by Harsha Toyota, customers also received prizes from 'Telangana Today' and 'Namasthe Telangana' as part of Dasara Shopping Bonanza, giving them double happiness. Harsha Toyota, which has five-year association with 'Namasthe Telangana' and 'Telangana Today', is the sponsor of the event.

Stating that Dasara is a major festival in Telangana, Prashanth said during the 10-day festival, automobile sales also pick up. He lauded 'Namasthe Telangana' and 'Telangana Today' for holding the lucky draw with exciting prizes, giving boost to both buyers and sellers.

'Namasthe Telangana' and 'Telangana Today' have been holding the lucky draws transparently in the presence of sponsors for the last 10 years, Charan said, adding that prizes offered through the draw, along with discounts extended by companies have been helpful to buyers and sellers.

Navratri *thali* for rail pax

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

The Indian Railways has launched 'Navratri Vrat' Special Thali at over 150 railway stations, including Secunderabad, providing comfort and convenience for passengers travelling during the festive season of Navratri. Passengers can order the Navratri Vrat Special Thali online through mobile app and website. While travelling, passengers celebrating Navratri often face various challenges regarding food and drink. Railway officials said, to address these issues, the special thali was introduced. Special care has been taken to ensure quality and nutrition in the preparation of the Vrat Thali. Passengers can book their thali by entering their PNR number on the IRCTC app or by visiting IRCTC e-catering website.

CONQUERING THE EVIL

Ahead of Dasara celebrations, an artist makes the effigy of Ravana for 'Ravan Dahan' event in the city. — Photo: Surya Sridhar

Women SHGs to buy, lease buses to RTC

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

The Telangana government has taken another step forward to financially empower women Self Help Groups (SHG) by deciding to provide bank loans to enable these groups to procure buses and lease them to the TGSRTC.

The State government is contemplating roping SHGs to operate buses, particularly in rural areas and on routes where there are inadequate or no bus services. RTC has decided to allocate hired buses to women's associations in Mahabubnagar and Karimnagar districts.

Discussions were also recently held on the procedures for allotment of RTC rented buses to women's groups.

It was also decided to purchase 100 to 150 buses through these SHGs in the first phase and also set up a separate system for the RTC management for the same. The government will take a final decision after preparing a comprehensive report including the cost of purchase of RTC buses, revenue generated, management cost and other factors and submitting it to the State government.

The move is expected to help improve the economic condition of weaker sections. A proposal to reduce interest rates on the debts of RTC is also being considered.

Govt preparing action plan

It is learnt that the government is preparing an action plan in association with some SHGs to provide loans for the purchase of buses and operate them with a focus on rural areas. While the SHGs would contribute some percentage of margin money, the remaining amount would be financed by the banks.

The profits would be shared by the SHGs concerned.

Authorities said RTC management was contemplating acquiring more buses to meet the passenger rush in view of the free travel for women scheme.

NGT seeks response on Sakhi Lake pollution

NEW DELHI

The National Green Tribunal has sought a reply from the Environment Ministry and others in a matter regarding the pollution, primarily due to the discharge of pharmaceutical waste, in Hyderabad's Sakhi Lake.

The panel was hearing a matter where it had taken suo motu cognisance of a newspaper report regarding the lake being contaminated by untreated pharmaceutical waste. In an order passed on October 3, a bench of NGT Chairperson Justice Prakash Shrivastava said the report raised a "substantial issue" about compliance with environmental norms.

The Bench also comprising judicial member Justice Arun Kumar Tyagi and expert member A Senthil Vel impleaded as parties or respondents the Chennai regional office of the Environment Ministry, district magistrate of Hyderabad, and member secretaries of TSPCB and CPCB. PTI

UGC to roll out new programme

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

To enhance the employability quotient of students, the University Grants Commission (UGC) is set to roll out draft guidelines on apprenticeship-embedded degree programmes that can be offered by higher educational institutions from Jan-Feb 2025 academic session.

The new undergraduate programmes integrate apprenticeships, combining classroom learning with experiential learning / on-the-job training in a structured manner. The guidelines will emphasise on achieving specific learning outcomes and graduate attributes through practical, hands-on training, the UGC said.

The guidelines will provide flexibility to students in scheduling apprenticeships from second semester to the maximum 50 per cent of the duration of the programme. They emphasise comprehensive assessment and monitoring besides promoting post-training tracking.

To release draft guidelines on apprenticeship-embedded degree courses that can be offered from 2025

A tripartite agreement between the HEI, industry/establishment, and the student is mandated to ensure clear roles and responsibilities.

"The UGC's draft guidelines for the AEDP is a major step towards improving the employability of our youth. By embedding apprenticeships within degree curricula, students gain experiential learning with theoretical knowledge, equipping them with competencies sought by employers. We urge eligible higher education institutions to take advantage of these guidelines and offer AEDP programmes to students," said Prof M Jagadesh Kumar, Chairman of the University Grants Commission (UGC).

TOEFL registration easy, faster

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

ETS, the global leader in education and talent solutions, has announced a significant enhancement to the TOEFL iBT test registration system, making it faster and easier. The new system streamlines the process, allowing candidates to register for the TOEFL iBT test in six simple steps, reducing the overall time to under three minutes.

The revamped registration process includes creating an account, choosing 1 or 2 tests, selecting test date(s) and time(s), entering personal information, adding or declining featured test prep and reviewing the shopping cart and pay. The improvement eliminates steps like selecting score recipients and additional information gathering during registration, which can now be done after the initial process.

ETS India country manager Sachin Jain said this update to the registration process is part of the ETS's continued efforts to meet the evolving needs of test takers. "With the test now shortened and the registration process simplified, we are improving the overall customer experience."